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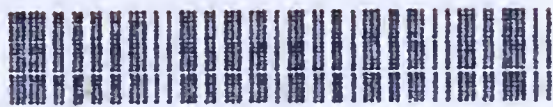
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PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND
HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF PENNSYLVANIA
AND
MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1917,
BEING ITS ONE HUNDRED *and* TWENTY-SECOND YEAR

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OF PENNSYLVANIA
1795-1917

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT
MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
MARCH 8, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447.

PRESENT:

Comp.	THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
"	DAVID J. DAVIS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
"	EDWARD B. SPENCER, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	GEORGE B. WELLS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
"	WARREN T. WALKER, . . .	<i>Assistant Grand Secretary.</i>
"	REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	REV. JOHN G. WILSON, . . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
"	BENJAMIN EISEMAN, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
"	FRANK W. MARTENIS, . . .	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
"	ROBERT A. WALKER, . . .	<i>Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
"	J. WILLIAM PANCOAST, . . .	<i>Grand Master of the Second Vail.</i>
"	GEORGE P. DARROW, . . .	<i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG, . . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
"	JOHN FETCH, . . .	<i>as Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. KROPP, . . .	<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	CHARLES S. WOOD, . . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions ROBERT G. SMITH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, J. HOWARD S. BARNES, MILTON E. GINGRICH, JOHN H. BENNETT, CHARLES H. WEAVER, PETER K. FILBERT, WILLIAM F. SHAY, RICHARD J. FAUST, O. BRUCE PORTER, CHARLES B. RUCH, EDMUND W. BOOTS, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, CHARLES E. COOPER.

Past, Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, EDWARD B. SPENCER, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, PORTER W. LOWRY.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.
 “ FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
 “ ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.
 “ SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
 “ EDMUND W. BOOTS, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
 “ CHARLES D. WEIRICK, of Grand Chapter of Georgia.
 “ HOWARD M. BROWN, of Grand Chapter of Idaho.
 “ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
 “ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
 “ CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
 “ J. MURRAY AFRICA, of Grand Chapter of Mississippi.
 “ DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
 “ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
 “ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
 “ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
 “ THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
 “ EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
 “ PORTER W. LOWRY, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
 “ A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
 “ HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
 “ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
 “ WILLIAM E. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Companions of Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 183, 185, 186, 190, 196, 197, 198, 201, 203, 208, 216, 219, 220, 221, 222, 225, 226, 228, 232, 233, 234, 235, 237, 238, 240, 242, 243, 245, 246, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 264, 266, 267, 284, 301, 302. (51 Chapters.) (93 members.) (33 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Annual Grand Communication held on Wednesday, December 27, 1916, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-laws from Chapters Nos. 183 and 246 and amendments to By-laws of Chapter No. 196 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

PHILADELPHIA, March 2, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from November 23, 1916, to February 16, 1917, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$11,661 70
“ Certificates	4 00
“ Constitutions	6 00
“ Dispensations	2 00
“ Interest on Investments	430 75
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	\$12,104 45
To which add Balance November 23, 1916	1,999 20
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	\$14,103 65

EXPENDITURES.

For Clothing and Furniture	\$152 90
“ Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	1,000 00
“ Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	965 09
“ Expenses Other Grand Officers	159 35
“ Instruction in Work	120 00
“ Postage and Stationery	232 03
“ Salaries	987 50
“ Telephone	25 77
“ Bond of Treasurer	20 00
“ Jewel for Retiring Grand High Priest	125 00
“ Incidentals	3 50
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	\$ 3,791 14
To which add Balance February 16	10,312 51
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	\$14,103 65

Your Committee notes with sorrow the death of Companion J. Waelder McMullen, who passed away from earth's cares February 5, 1917.

He served as a member of the Finance Committee from December 27, 1912, to the date of his death.

He was a real Companion; regular in his attendance at the meetings of the Committee, and accurate in the discharge of his duties.

We shall miss him at the quarterly meetings, and desire to make this permanent record of his faithfulness.

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,

E. MARSHALL HARVEY,

W. M. DONALDSON,

Committee.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, March 8, 1917.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws, to whom was referred the proposed By-laws of Chapters Nos. 183, 221 and 246, and the proposed Amendments to By-laws of Chapters Nos. 196, 199, 204 and 260, have attended to their duty, and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed By-laws of Chapters Nos. 183, 221 and 246 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to By-laws of Chapters Nos. 196, 199, 204 and 260 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,

WILLIAM R. SUTCH,

FENTON H. MIDDLETON,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,

WILLIAM A. RHOADS,

Committee.

The Committee on Correspondence, M. E. Past Grand High Priest Companion WILLIAM B. MERE-

DITH, Chairman, reported that the controversy between the Grand Chapter of Canada and the new Grand Chapter of Alberta had not been completely adjusted, and that the Committee was therefore not ready to recommend the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, March 8, 1917.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that bids for printing and publishing the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for the year 1916 were asked from several reputable firms, and the contract was awarded the lowest bidder, the International Printing Company. Proceedings will contain the portrait of M. E. Companion Porter W. Lowry, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, during the years 1915 and 1916.

The work is now being printed in accordance with the terms of the contract, and will be distributed as rapidly as possible.

Fraternally yours,

LOUIS M. WAGNER, *Chairman,*
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
WESLEY R. MORGAN,
Committee.

The Most Excellent Grand Secretary reported that all General Returns from Chapters and Mark Lodges had been received.

A petition was received from a number of Companions of Braddock, not members of a Chapter, praying for a Warrant to constitute a Chapter of

Royal Arch Masons, to be known as Braddock's Field Royal Arch Chapter. On motion, it was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

Companion EDWIN GLADMON, Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina. Died December 9, 1916.

M. E. Companion CHARLES W. HALEY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. Died January 6, 1917.

R. E. Companion REV. JAMES H. GEORGE, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut. Died January 18, 1917.

M. E. Companion ROBERT L. MCKINLAY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois. Died January 23, 1917.

M. E. Companion CALEB H. STONE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas. Died December 7, 1916.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Degree of Mark Master Mason.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened, and the Degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified

by Officers of Melita Chapter, No. 284, the work being so beautifully and correctly done as to elicit much commendation.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was closed.

Grand Chapter was "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and thirty-five minutes P. M.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

JUNE 7, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447.

PRESENT:

Comp.	THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,	. <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, . . .	as <i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“	A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, . .	as <i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“	EDWARD B. SPENCER, . . .	. <i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“	GEORGE B. WELLS, . . . .	. <i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
“	WARREN T. WALKER, . . . .	. <i>Assistant Grand Secretary.</i>
“	REV. JOHN G. WILSON, . . .	. <i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“	REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, .	. <i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“	S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, . . .	. <i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“	BENJAMIN EISEMAN, . . . .	. <i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“	GEORGE B. HANNUM,	as <i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“	JOHN FETCH,	as <i>Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
“	J. WILLIAM PANCOAST, . . .	. <i>Grand Master of the Second Vail.</i>
“	ROBERT D. COLE,	as <i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
“	AUGUST P. KUNZIG, . . . . .	. <i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“	CLARENCE R. BROOKS,	as <i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“	WILLIAM B. KROPP, . . . . .	. <i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“	CHARLES S. WOOD, . . . . .	. <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . . . .	. <i>Grand Tyler.</i>

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, J. HOWARD S. BARNES, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, CHARLES H. WEAVER, WILLIAM F. SHAY, WALTON K. SWETLAND, EDWARD HOPE, CHARLES E. COOPER.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS.

Grand Representatives.

Comp.	WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.
“	ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.
“	SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
“	GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.

- Comp. EDWARD HOPE, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
“ CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
“ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
“ THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
“ HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
“ WILLIAM E. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.
“ WILLIAM F. SHAY, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Companions of Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 162, 169, 171, 175, 183, 190, 198, 203, 208, 216, 219, 220, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 240, 243, 245, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 264, 266, 267, 271, 284, 301.
(38 Chapters.) (81 members.) (26 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, March 8, 1917, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-laws from Chapters Nos. 271 and 275, and Amendments to By-laws from Chapters Nos. 166 and 189 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

PHILADELPHIA, June 1, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the

books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from February 16, 1917, to May 29, 1917, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$672 00
“ Certificates	6 00
“ Constitutions	7 00
“ Dispensations	1 00
“ Interest on Investments	325 00
“ Refund Account Charges for Machine to Funeral Companion McMullen	2 00
“ Refund of Bill for Chairs	48 25
“ Interest on Deposits	40 44
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	\$1,101 69
To which add Balance February 16, 1917	10,312 51
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	\$11,414 20

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Clothing and Furniture	\$20 00
“ Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	99 60
“ Printing, Postage and Stationery	202 81
“ Salaries	987 50
“ Telephone	9 30
“ Spring Water	2 00
“ Machine to Funeral Companion McMullen	8 00
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	\$1,329 21
To which add Balance May 29, 1917	10,084 99
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	\$11,414 20

Fraternally submitted,
A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
WM. M. DONALDSON,
Committee.

The following report of the Committee on By-laws was received and read, and the resolutions attached thereto were, upon motion duly made and seconded, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, June 7, 1917.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws, to whom was referred the proposed By-laws and Amendments to By-laws, have attended to their duty, and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed By-laws of Chapters No. 271 and No. 275 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters No. 166 and No. 189 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,

Committee.

A petition was received from a number of Companions of York, Pennsylvania, not members of a Chapter, praying for a Warrant to constitute a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to be known as Yorktown Royal Arch Chapter. On motion, it was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was received from Chapter, No. , presenting the request of Brother for permission to present a fourth petition, he now believing that the former objection does not now exist. Upon motion duly made and seconded, permission to present a fourth petition was granted.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion ROBERT LIDDELL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas. Died February 3, 1917.

M. E. Companion FRANCIS H. BATES, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Alabama. Died February 26, 1917.

M. E. Companion JAMES W. HOPPER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky. Died May 8, 1917.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced the death of District Deputy Grand High Priest PETER K. FILBERT, which occurred at his home, in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, on April 14, 1917, paying a loving tribute to his memory as a man and a Mason.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened, and the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was exemplified by Companion CHARLES F. BOWER, High Priest of Chapter No. 256, assisted by Companions of a number of Chapters, the work being done in a manner to bring great credit to those who did it.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was "called on."

All Companions present arose and, accompanied by the organ, joined in singing "The Star-Spangled Banner." During the singing of this National Hymn two beautiful silk flags were brought in and unfurled over the Altar. At the close of the singing, Companion CHARLES F. BOWER, Most Excellent High Priest of University Chapter, No. 256, in a beautiful tribute to the flag and to the Officers of Grand Chapter, presented the flags to Grand Chapter on behalf of Chapter No. 256.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest accepted the banners in a well-chosen address, calling attention to the similarity of the aims and purposes of the United States of America and that of the Masonic Fraternity.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and ten minutes P. M.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
SEPTEMBER 6, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447.

PRESENT:

Comp.	THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,	. M. E. Grand High Priest.
"	DAVID J. DAVIS,	. M. E. Grand King.
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY,	. M. E. Grand Scribe.
"	EDWARD B. SPENCER,	. M. E. Grand Treasurer.
"	GEORGE B. WELLS,	. M. E. Grand Secretary.
"	WARREN T. WALKER,	. Assistant Grand Secretary.
"	REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT,	. Grand Chaplain.
"	REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON,	. Grand Chaplain.
"	S. E. BURKE KINSLOE,	. Grand Captain of the Host.
"	GEORGE B. HANNUM,	. as Grand Principal Sojourner.
"	FRANK W. MARTENIS,	. Grand Royal Arch Captain.
"	ROBERT A. WALKER,	. Grand Master of the Third Vail.
"	J. WILLIAM PANCOAST,	. Grand Master of the Second Vail.
"	JOHN FETCH,	. as Grand Master of the First Vail.
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG,	. Grand Marshal.
"	RALPH C. MINEHART,	. Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.
"	WILLIAM B. KROPP,	. Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.
"	CHARLES S. WOOD,	. Grand Pursuivant.
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN,	. Grand Tyler.

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, J. HOWARD S. BARNES, JOHN H. BENNETT, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, CHARLES H. TILTON, CHARLES H. WEAVER, WILLIAM F. SHAY, ARTHUR W. GILLAN, RICHARD J. FAUST, THOMAS N. MCKEE, EDWARD HOPE, CHARLES B. RUCH, EDMUND W. BOOTS, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, PETER BARKEY, CHARLES E. COOPER.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, EDWARD B. SPENCER, H. OSCAR KLINE, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, PORTER W. LOWRY.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

- Comp. ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.
“ SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
“ EDMUND W. BOOTS, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
“ H. OSCAR KLINE, of Grand Chapter of Florida.
“ HOWARD M. BROWN, of Grand Chapter of Idaho.
“ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
“ EDWARD HOPE, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
“ CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
“ J. MURRAY AFRICA, of Grand Chapter of Mississippi.
“ DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
“ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
“ THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
“ PORTER W. LOWRY, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
“ A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
“ PETER BARKEY, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
“ HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
“ ARTHUR W. GILLAN, of Grand Chapter of Washington.
“ WILLIAM E. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.
“ WILLIAM F. SHAY, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Companions of Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 161, 163, 165, 169, 175, 179, 183, 189, 190, 197, 198, 201, 203, 207, 208, 209, 220, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 240, 243, 245, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 266, 267, 270, 271, 272, 277, 278, 280, 284, 301, 302. (48 Chapters.) (94 members.) (25 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, June 7, 1917, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-laws of Chapters Nos. 248, 303 and 304 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following Quarterly Report:

PHILADELPHIA, September 6, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from May 29, 1917, to August 30, 1917, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$124 80
“ Certificates	2 00
“ Dispensations	5 00
“ Interest on Investments	553 75
“ Warrants for Chapters Nos. 303 and 304	400 00

\$1,085 55

To which add Balance May 29, 1917 10,084 99

\$11,170 54

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	\$500 00
“ Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	59 75
“ Instruction in the Work	75 00
“ Investments	1,000 00
“ Donation, Masonic Home	500 00
“ Printing, Postage and Stationery	945 60
“ Salaries	987 50
“ Telephones	42 72
“ Engrossing Warrants	6 00
“ Repairs Typewriter	2 36
“ Miscellaneous	9 30

\$4,128 23

To which add Balance August 30, 1917 7,042 31

\$11,170 54

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,

E. MARSHALL HARVEY,

Committee.

The Most Excellent Grand Secretary presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, September 3, 1917.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Grand Secretary presents the Annual Report of the Work and Membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges of the Jurisdiction for the year ended December 27, 1916, as follows:

CHAPTERS.

Membership, December 27, 1915, as per last report	35,964
Admitted during the year 1916	96
Restored to membership	139
Marked, etc.	2,185
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	2,420
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Total	38,384

Deduct.

Died during the year 1916	639
Resigned or Membership Ceased	229
Suspended	355
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	1,223

Membership, December 27, 1916, per returns	37,161
A net gain of	1,197
Rejected	66
Restored to G. M. S.	37
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MARK LODGES.

Membership, December 27, 1915	192
Died during the year 1916	5
Suspended	2
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Membership, December 27, 1916	185
Number of Chapters	143
Number of Mark Lodges	2

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

The Most Excellent Grand Secretary presented the following resolution, which, upon motion duly made and seconded, was unanimously agreed to:

Resolved, That during the continuation of the war in which our Country is now engaged, any Chapter under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall return the amount of any fee received from a petitioner whose petition for degrees and membership shall have been approved, but who is unable to present himself to receive the degrees, by reason of being called to service in the Army or Navy of the United States, any By-law to the contrary notwithstanding.

The following Amendments to the Constitution were presented, signed by Companions ROBERT A. WALKER and EDMUND W. BOOTS:

“ARTICLE 10, Section 1. Strike out ‘30 cents’ in line four and insert in place thereof ‘50 cents,’ making this part of Section 1 to read ‘Annual dues for each member of a Chapter, 50 cents.’

“ARTICLE 12, Section 8. Strike out the words ‘and Crown’ in line five.

“ARTICLE 17, Section 8. Strike out the entire section and insert in place thereof:

“ ‘Territorial Jurisdiction over petitioners for degrees and membership is vested entirely in Grand Chapter, and any duly qualified petitioner may petition any Chapter under the Jurisdiction of Grand Chapter; but if the Chapter petitioned is not the nearest Chapter to the place of residence of the petitioner, and its place of meeting is located more than nine miles distant from said place of residence, due notice must be given to a Chapter nearer the place of residence of the petitioner, in the manner hereinafter provided for.’

“Section 9. Strike out the entire section, and insert in place thereof:

“ ‘When a petition for the degrees and membership is received by a Chapter other than that which is nearest to the place of residence of the petitioner, the Chapter receiving such petition shall, under its seal, notify a Chapter within this Jurisdiction nearest the place of residence of the petitioner. The notification shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Chapter, and shall contain the full name, age, occupation and residence of the petitioner. The Chapter so notified shall cause the notification to be published in full as a part of the notice to members of its next stated meeting, together with the statement that any Companion who deems the petitioner unworthy of receiving the Capitular degrees shall communicate

with the Secretary of the Chapter petitioned, whose duty it shall be to promptly advise the Chairman of the Investigating Committee of all objections received. The Chapter petitioned shall not act on the petition within ten days after the mailing of the notices to the members of the Chapter nearest the place of residence of the petitioner, as attested by the Secretary of the Chapter notified, under seal of the Chapter, to the Secretary of the Chapter petitioned; Provided, however, that in each case the necessity for inquiry between Chapters and everything relating thereto is at all times subject to the control and direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.'

"ARTICLE 17, Section 15. Strike out in lines four and five the words 'the Chapter that rejected him' and insert in place thereof 'any Chapter in this Jurisdiction.'

"Section 16. Strike out in line three the words 'the same Chapter' and insert in place thereof 'any Chapter in this Jurisdiction.' Strike out in line five the word 'therein,' and insert in place thereof 'with full particulars as to said rejections.' Insert after the words 'the High Priest shall direct a ballot to be taken thereon' the following: 'If the ballot is not unanimous in favor of granting the prayer of the petition, this ends all action of any Chapter in the case of this petitioner for one year, but does not stand as a third rejection.' Strike out the word 'the' before the word 'Chapter' in the last sentence of the section and insert in place thereof the word 'any.'

"Section 17. Strike out in lines two and three the words 'the same Chapter' and insert in place thereof 'any Chapter in this Jurisdiction.' Strike out the word 'therein' and insert in place thereof 'with particulars as to said rejections.'

"Section 20. Insert in line three after the word 'one' the words 'or more,' and in line six after the word 'Chapter' strike out 'if it has any objection to the Chapter to which the petition is addressed acting thereon' and insert in place thereof 'or Chapters, if there is any objection to action upon the said petition.' Strike out all after the word 'Chapter' in line nine and insert in place thereof the following:

" 'And shall contain the full name, age, occupation and residence of the petitioner. The Chapter so inquired of shall cause said inquiry to be read at the next stated meeting after the same is received. The notices for the meeting of the Chapter inquired of shall state that "A ballot will be had on the inquiry if there is any Masonic objection to Chapter No. acting on the petition of for degrees and membership." One black ball shall establish the existence of such objection. The result of the ballot shall be certified by the Secretary,

under the seal of the Chapter, to the Chapter making the inquiry and to the Grand Secretary.' ''

Communications were received from Grand Chapters, announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions, as follows:

M. E. Companion LEO E. BENNETT, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma. Died May 8, 1917.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM J. HUBBARD, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Virginia. Died April 20, 1917.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM M. BLACK, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia. Died May 9, 1917.

M. E. Companion JAMES CARNELL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida. Died June 17, 1917.

M. E. Companion J. GILMAN WAITE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts. Died June 22, 1917.

M. E. Companion JAMES McCORMICK, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut. Died June 24, 1917.

M. E. Companion WESLEY U. PEARNE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut. Died July 5, 1917.

M. E. Companion CHARLES J. WILLETT, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California. Died April 6, 1917.

M. E. Companion HENRY ASCROFT, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California. Died June 8, 1917.

M. E. Companion JOHN T. SHURTLEFF, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California. Died July 10, 1917.

M. E. Companion BESTOR G. BROWN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas. Died July 10, 1917.

M. E. Companion EBENEZER E. CORLISS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota. Died July 21, 1917.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced the death, on August 4, 1917, at Atlantic City, of Past Grand Secretary CHARLES CARY, and stated that a suitable memorial would be prepared and presented at a later date.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Degree of Royal Arch Mason.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened, and the degree of Royal Arch Mason was exemplified by Officers of various Chapters, assisting Companion

ROBERT A. RAVEN, High Priest of Germantown Chapter No. 208, acting as Most Excellent High Priest.

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and forty-five minutes P. M.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
DECEMBER 6, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447.

PRESENT:

Comp. THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ DAVID J. DAVIS,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ EDWARD B. SPENCER,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ GEORGE B. WELLS,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ WARREN T. WALKER,	.	.	<i>Assistant Grand Secretary.</i>
“ REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT,	.	.	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON,	.	.	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ GEORGE B. HANNUM,	.	as	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ FRANK W. MARTENIS,	.	.	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ ROBERT A. WALKER,	.	.	<i>Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
“ JOHN FETCH,	.	.	as <i>Grand Master of the Second Vail</i>
“ ROBERT D. COLE,	.	.	as <i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
“ AUGUST P. KUNZIG,	.	.	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ RALPH C. MINEHART,	.	.	<i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. KROPP,	.	.	<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ CHARLES S. WOOD,	.	.	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN,	.	.	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, ROBERT G. SMITH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, J. HOWARD S. BARNES, MILTON E. GINGRICH, JOHN H. BENNETT, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, CHARLES H. TILTON, CHARLES H. WEAVER, WILLIAM F. SHAY, ARTHUR W. GILLAN, RICHARD J. FAUST, O. BRUCE PORTER, WALTON K. SWETLAND, THOMAS N. MCKEE, EDWARD HOPE, CHARLES B. RUCH, EDMUND W. BOOTS, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, PETER BARKEY, CHARLES E. COOPER.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, PORTER W. LOWRY.

Grand Representatives.

- Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.
 “ FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
 “ ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.
 “ SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
 “ EDMUND W. BOOTS, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
 “ CHARLES D. WEIRICK, of Grand Chapter of Georgia.
 “ HOWARD M. BROWN, of Grand Chapter of Idaho.
 “ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
 “ JOHN A. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Iowa.
 “ EDWARD HOPE, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
 “ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
 “ GEORGE A. GORGAS, of Grand Chapter of Maine.
 “ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
 “ CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
 “ DAVID M. KINZER, of Grand Chapter of Missouri.
 “ J. HENRY LAPE, of Grand Chapter of Nevada.
 “ DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
 “ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
 “ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
 “ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
 “ THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
 “ EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
 “ JOHN MCKAIN, of Grand Chapter of Quebec.
 “ PORTER W. LOWRY, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
 “ A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
 “ PETER BARKEY, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
 “ HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
 “ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
 “ ARTHUR W. GILLEN, of Grand Chapter of Washington.
 “ WILLIAM E. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.
 “ WILLIAM F. SHAY, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 161, 162, 163, 165, 166, 167, 169, 170, 171, 172, 174, 175, 177, 178, 182, 183, 185, 186, 189, 190, 192, 193, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 201, 202, 206, 208, 209, 214, 215, 216, 217, 220, 221, 222, 225, 226, 228, 230, 232, 233, 234, 235, 237, 238, 239, 240, 242, 243, 244, 245, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 262, 263, 264, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 272, 277, 278, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 297, 298, 299, 301, 302. (100 Chapters.) (200 members.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, September 6, 1917, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed Amendments to By-laws from Chapters Nos. 165, 166, 228, 240 and 280 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Trustees made the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 6, 1917.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Trustees of the Grand Chapter present this, their Ninth Annual Report:

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT.

One	(1)	\$1,000	Certificate No. 352, Series M, City of Philadelphia, 3 per cent. loan of 1893, principal due December 31, 1917, interest due January 1 and July 1	\$1,000 00
One	(1)	\$1,000	Certificate No. 317, School, City of Philadelphia, 3½ per cent. loan of 1902, principal due	
Consisting of the following securities:				
			July 1, 1932, interest due January 1 and July 1	1.000 00
One	(1)	\$500	Certificate No. 321, School, City of Philadelphia, 3½ per cent. loan of 1904, principal due July 1, 1934, interest due January 1 and July 1	500 00

Five	(5)	\$1,000	Electric & Peoples Stock Trust Certificate, 4 per cent., Nos. A9448, 9449, 9450, 9451 and 9452, principal due 1945, interest due April 1 and October 1	\$5,000 00
One	(1)	\$2,000	Certificate No. 3, City of Philadelphia, registered 4 per cent. loan, due January 1, 1945, interest due January 1 and July 1	2,000 00
One	(1)	\$500	Certificate No. 28, City of Philadelphia, 4 per cent. registered loan, due January 1, 1945, interest due January 1 and July 1	500 00
Five	(5)	\$1,000	Bonds, Pennsylvania Company Gold Loan, 4 per cent., Nos. 5976, 5977, 5978, 5979 and 5980, principal due April 1, 1931, interest due April 1 and October 1	5,000 00
Five	(5)	\$1,000	Bonds, Reading Company, Jersey Central, collateral gold 4 per cent., Nos. 19953, 19954, 19955, 19956 and 19957, principal due April 1, 1951, interest due April 1 and October 1.....	5,000 00
Two	(2)	\$1,000	Bonds, Market Street Elevated Passenger Railway, gold 4 per cent., Nos. 8630 and 8897, principal due May 1, 1955, interest due May 1 and November 1	2,000 00
Three	(3)	\$1,000	Bonds, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, gold 4 per cent., Nos. 53232, 53233 and 59829, principal due May 1, 1948, interest due May 1 and November 1	3,000 00
Five	(5)	\$1,000	Bonds, Reading Company, general mortgage 4 per cent., Nos. 32555, 32556, 42522, 47884 and 62867, principal due January 1, 1997, interest due January 1 and July 1	5,000 00
One	(1)	\$1,000	Bond, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, First Mortgage 3½ per cent., No. M2044, principal due June 1, 1997, interest due June 1 and December 1	1,000 00
One	(1)	\$1,000	Bond, Philadelphia & Erie Consolidated 5 per cent. (now first mortgage), No. 11233, principal due July 1, 1920, interest due April 1 and October 1	1,000 00
Six	(6)	\$1,000	Bonds, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. and A. M., Masonic Home Loan, Nos. 126, 127, 323, 328, 329 and 465, interest 4 per cent., due January 1 and July 1 (principal due July 1, 1931—may be called after September 1, 1916)	6,000 00

Four (4)	\$500	Bonds, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. and A. M., Masonic Home Loan, Nos. 75, 116, 157 and 158, interest 4 per cent., due January 1 and July 1 (principal due July 1, 1931—may be called after September 1, 1916)	\$2,000 00
One (1)	\$1,000	Bond, No. 7023, New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk R. R. stock trust certificate, 4 per cent., principal due June 1, 1948, interest due June 1 and December 1	1,000 00
One (1)	\$2,000	Certificate, No. 21, City of Philadelphia, 4 per cent. loan, principal due January 1, 1946 (registered), interest due January 1 and July 1,	2,000 00
One (1)	\$100	Certificate, No. 138, City of Philadelphia, 4 per cent. loan, principal due January 1, 1946 (coupons), interest due January 1 and July 1,	100 00
Having a par value of			\$43,100 00

PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR 1917.

One (1)	\$1,000	United States First Liberty Loan, 3½ per cent. coupon bond, No. 19023, due June 15, 1947, interest due June 15 and December 15	1,000 00
One (1)	\$1,000	United States Second Liberty Loan, 4 per cent. coupon bond, No. 180231, due May 15, 1942, interest due May 15 and November 15 ..	1,000 00
Making a total par value of			\$45,100 00

INCOME ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

1916.			
December	8,	Check, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern	\$17 50
	22,	Coupon, New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk ..	20 00
1917.			
January	3,	Check, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Masonic Home Loan	160 00
	3,	Check, City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan,	15 00
	3,	Check, City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. Loan,	90 00
	3,	Check, City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan,	26 25
	10,	Coupons, Philadelphia & Reading General 4's	100 00
	10,	Coupons, City of Philadelphia 4 per cent.	2 00

April	24,	Check, Philadelphia & Erie R. R. 5 per cent.,	\$25 00
	24,	Check, Electric & Peoples Traction Company 4 per cent.	100 00
	24,	Coupons, Pennsylvania Company 4 per cent.,	100 00
	24,	Coupons, Reading Jersey Central, 4 per cent.,	100 00
May	14,	Coupon, Borough of Sheradan	25 00
	14,	Coupons, Market Street Elevated Railway	40 00
June	1,	Check, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern	17 50
	1,	Coupon, New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk...	20 00
July	2,	Check, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Masonic Home Loan	160 00
	6,	Check, City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan,	26 25
	6,	Check, City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. Loan,	90 00
	6,	Check, City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan,	15 00
	10,	Coupons, Philadelphia & Reading General 4 per cent.	100 00
	27,	Check, Pennsylvania Railroad Company 4 per cent.	60 00
October	15,	Check, Electric & Peoples Traction Company,	100 00
	15,	Coupons, City of Philadelphia 4 per cent.	2 00
	15,	Coupons, Pennsylvania Company 4 per cent.,	100 00
	15,	Coupons, Reading Jersey Central 4 per cent.,	100 00
	15,	Check, Philadelphia & Erie R. R. 5 per cent.,	25 00
November	7,	Check, Pennsylvania Railroad Company 4 per cent.	60 00
	7,	Coupons, Market Street Elevated Railway	40 00
	7,	Coupons, Borough of Sheradan	25 00
Total			\$1,761 50

All of which was paid to the Grand Secretary, and his receipt taken therefor.

During the present Masonic Year the Trustees received from the Grand Chapter one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for investment, with which was purchased one (1) one thousand dollar three and one-half per cent. United States First Liberty Loan Bond, No. 19023, due June 15, 1947.

There came due on November 1, 1917, one (1) one thousand dollar (\$1,000) bond, Borough of Sheradan, Allegheny County, five per cent. No. 5 Funding Bond, Series "H." This bond has been paid, and in lieu

thereof, has been purchased one (1) one thousand dollar (\$1,000) four per cent. United States Second Liberty Loan Bond, No. 180231, costing nine hundred and eighty-one dollars and seventy-four cents (\$981.74).

The Trustees therefore have on hand at the present time for investment, the sum of eighteen dollars and twenty-six cents (\$18.26).

There will come due on December 31, 1917, one (1) one thousand dollar (\$1,000) certificate, No. 352, Series "M," City of Philadelphia, three per cent. Loan, of 1893, interest due January 1 and July 1. In order to collect this bond, or the proceeds thereof, it will be necessary for the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania to pass a resolution reading as follows:

"Resolved, That the Trustees of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania be, and are, hereby authorized to receive payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the loans of the City of Philadelphia, now standing in the name of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and belonging to this Body, and maturing December 31, 1917."

Fraternally submitted,

J. HENRY WILLIAMS,

CHARLES CHIPMAN,

GEORGE W. SEEDS,

Trustees of the G. H. R. A. Chapter.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the above resolution attached to the report of the Trustees was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Finance made the following

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, November 30, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from August 30, 1917, to November 20, 1917, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$1,910 40
“ Certificates	2 00
“ Dispensations	2 00
“ Interest on Deposits	86 13
“ Interest on Investments	452 00
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	\$2,452 53
To which add Balance August 30, 1917	7,042 31
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	\$9,494 84

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Clothing and Furniture	\$679 53
“ Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	1,500 00
“ Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	32 90
“ Expenses Other Grand Officers	193 40
“ Instruction in the Work	397 50
“ Postage, Printing and Stationery	197 90
“ Rent	1,750 00
“ Salaries	862 50
“ Telephones	27 35
“ Flowers, Funeral Charles Cary	25 00
“ Services, Extra, Tyler	4 00
“ Rent Safety Deposit Box for Trustees	5 00
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	\$5,675 08
To which add Balance November 20, 1917	3,819 76
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	\$9,494 84

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
WM. M. DONALDSON,

Committee.

The Committee on Finance made the following Annual Report and Estimate for the year 1918, which was received and the resolution attached was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted:

ANNUAL REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, November 30, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the accounts and securities held by the Trustees, which show an invested fund of \$45,100, as fully set forth in their Annual Report to Grand Chapter.

The Committee has also examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, for the fiscal year ending November 20, 1917, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, and showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$14,368 90
“ Certificates	14 00
“ Constitutions	13 00
“ Dispensations	10 00
“ Interest on Deposits	126 57
“ Interest on Investments	1,761 50
“ Warrants (Chapters Nos. 303 and 304)	400 00
“ Refund on Bill for Chairs	48 25
“ Refund on Bill for Machine to Funeral	2 00

\$16,744 22

To which add Balance November 23, 1916 1,999 20

\$18,743 42

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Clothing and Furniture	\$852 43
“ Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	3,000 00
“ Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	1,157 34
“ Expenses Other Grand Officers	352 75
“ Instruction in the Work	592 50
“ Investments	1,000 00
“ Jewel, Past Grand High Priest P. W. Lowry	125 00
“ Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	500 00
“ Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,578 34
“ Rent	1,750 00
“ Salaries	3,825 00
“ Telephones	105 14

For Flowers for Funeral Charles Cary	\$25 00	
“ Bond of Treasurer	20 00	
“ Incidentals	40 16	
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	\$14,923 66	
To which add Balance November 20, 1917	3,819 76	
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		\$18,743 42

The Charity and Emergency Relief Fund, as per last Report,		
showed a Balance of	\$1,230 86	
Add Interest Credited March 1, 1917	12 18	
Add Interest Credited September 1, 1917	12 53	
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Shows the total Balance in this Fund to be \$1,255 57

ESTIMATES FOR 1918.

The Committee presents the following estimates for the year ending November 20, 1918:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$13,500 00	
“ Interest on Investments	1,800 00	
“ Constitutions, Dispensations and Certificates ..	35 00	
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		\$15,335 00
Balance November 20, 1917	\$3,819 76	
Less Salaries due December 6, 1917	862 50	
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		2,957 26
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		\$18,292 26

EXPENDITURES.

For Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	\$3,500 00	
“ Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	1,500 00	
“ Expenses Other Grand Officers	500 00	
“ Salaries:		
M. E. Grand Secretary	\$2,000 00	
Assistant Grand Secretary	1,200 00	
Grand Tyler	300 00	
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		3,500 00

For Rent	\$2,500 00
“ Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,950 00
“ Instruction in the Work	1,000 00
“ Clothing and Furniture	1,000 00
“ Investment	2,000 00
“ Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	500 00
“ Telephones and Incidentals	250 00
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	\$18,200 00
Estimated Balance	92 26
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	\$18,292 26

The Committee offers the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the above recommendations of the Committee on Finance be approved, and that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the several amounts named in the foregoing estimates as they become due and payable.

Fraternally submitted,
A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
WM. M. DONALDSON,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on By-laws was received and read, and the resolutions attached were, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1917.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws beg leave to report that they have examined the proposed Amendments to By-laws, and proposed By-laws referred to them, and offer the following resolutions:

- Resolved*, That the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 165, 166, 228, 240 and 280 be approved.
- Resolved*, That the proposed By-laws of Chapters Nos. 248 and 303 be approved.
- Resolved*, That the proposed By-laws of Chapter No. 304 be amended

by striking out of Article IX, Section 1, on the fifth line, "the sum of \$60.00," and that so amended they be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
Committee.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1917.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing presents the following report:

The contract for printing the Proceedings of Grand Chapter for the year 1916 was again awarded to the International Printing Company, who were the lowest bidders for this work.

The Committee furnished a steel engraving of Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion Porter W. Lowry, which was bound into the work.

The total expenditure for the year for printing, postage and stationery, was \$1,578.34, which amount includes the cost of printing, binding and delivering the Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER, *Chairman*,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
WESLEY R. MORGAN,
Committee.

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic Year, beginning on St. John's Day next, and the time for the consideration of the proposed Amendments to the Constitution, presented at the

Quarterly Communication on September 6, 1917, and the following request having been presented to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

We, the undersigned representatives of Chapters opposite our names, request a ballot by Chapters on the proposed Amendment to Article 10, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

DAVID M. KINZER, Chapter 162.

JOHN MCKAIN, Chapter 193.

WILLIAM A. AEBERLI, Chapter 217.

THOMAS F. ASHFORD, JR., Chapter 257.

HARRY H. ALLEBACH, Chapter 268.

ANDREW C. DRYNAN, Chapter 286.

MADISON S. WOLFE, Chapter 288.

GEORGE W. RODGERS, Chapter 297.

GEORGE TREVERTON, Chapter 167.

WILLIAM B. DEWEES, Chapter 299.

JOHN HENRY LAPE, Chapter 189.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Tellers. The Tellers to conduct the election for Grand Officers having reported, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced the following named Companions duly elected:

Companion	THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
"	DAVID J. DAVIS,	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY,	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
"	EDWARD B. SPENCER,	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	GEORGE B. WELLS,	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The Tellers appointed to ascertain the result of ballots cast for the Amendment to Article 10, Section 1, of the Constitution, having reported, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced that, as a

majority of the ballots cast were in favor of the proposed Amendment, it was therefore agreed to.

The proposed Amendment to Article 12, Section 8, was then considered, and, upon motion duly made and seconded, was unanimously agreed to.

The proposed Amendment to Article 17, Section 8, was considered, and, upon motion duly made and seconded, was unanimously agreed to.

The proposed Amendment to Article 17, Section 9, was considered, and the following amendments to the Amendment were offered:

In line three of the Amendment, after the word "shall," insert the following: "If its place of meeting is located more than nine miles distant from the residence of the petitioner."

In line seven of the Amendment, after the word "next," insert the words "or second."

The Amendments to the Amendment were, upon motion duly made and seconded, unanimously adopted.

The Amendment as amended was then considered, and, upon motion, was unanimously agreed to.

The proposed Amendments to Sections 15, 16, 17 and 20 of Article 17 were separately considered, balloted upon, and each of them agreed to.

M. E. Past Grand High Priest Companion J. HENRY WILLIAMS read the following In Memoriam to former M. E. Grand Secretary Companion CHARLES CARY, which, with the resolution thereto attached, was ordered spread in full upon the minutes of Grand Chapter:

In Memoriam

CHARLES CARY

*Emeritus Grand Secretary of the Grand
Holy Royal Arch Chapter of
Pennsylvania.*

Charles Cary was born at Boston, Massachusetts, 1842, and entered into rest at Atlantic City, New Jersey, August 4, 1917, at the age of seventy-five years.

As his spirit left to go on its journey to the land beyond, there passed into memory one whose noted characteristics were a combination of gentleness and firmness. Charles Cary, as we knew him, was a gentleman in the truest and best sense of the word. And it is not surprising when we consider the stock from which he sprang.

From Burke's Heraldry we extract "The Story of the Cary Coat of Arms, as Told by the Old Chroniclers." "In the beginning of the reign of Henry V. (1413-1422), a certain Knight-errant of Aragon, having passed through divers countries, and performed many feats of Arms, arrived here in England, where he challenged any man of his rank and quality to make a trial of his skill

in arms. This challenge was accepted by Sir Robert Cary, between whom a cruel encounter, and a long and doubtful combat was waged in Smithfield, London. But at length this noble champion vanquished the presumptuous Aragonois, for which Henry V. restored unto him a good part of his father's lands, which, for his loyalty to Richard II., he had been deprived of by Henry IV., and authorized him to wear the Arms of a Knight of Aragon, which the noble posterity continue to wear unto this day; for, according to the laws of Heraldry, whosoever fairly in the field conquer his adversary may justify the wearing of his arms."

And from "Herald's Visitation," 1620, the following: "In the time of Henry V. came out of Aragon a lusty gentleman into England, and challenged to do feates of armes, with any English gentleman without exception. This Sir Robert Cary hearing thereof, made suite forthwith to the Prince, that he might answer the challenge, which was granted, and Smithfield was the place appointed for the same, who, at the day and time prefixed, both parties mett and did performe sundry feates of armes, but in the end this Robert gave the foils and overthrow to

the Aragon Knight, disarmed and spoiled him, which his doinge so well pleased the Prince, that he receyved him into great favor, caused him to be restored to the most part of his father's landes, and willed him also for a perpetuall memorie of his victorie, that he should henceforth give the same armes as the Aragon Knight, which is Argent, on bend sable three roses argent for before they did beare, gules chevron entre three swans argent."

How the Cary motto "Virtute Excerptae," "By Valor Plucked," was obtained is told in verse by the Rev. Otis Cary, in the book of his poems published by Seth C. Cary, under the title of "The Plucking of the Roses," where he eloquently describes the contest between Sir Robert Cary and the Spanish Knight, who by valor had defeated the champions of Austria, of France and of Italy, adding to his shield a rose for each. He then essayed to pluck what seemed to him to be the fairest of all, the Rose of England; but there he met his defeat. The poem details the challenge, and its acceptance by one who through the fortunes of war had been deprived of the honors of Knighthood and

who instead of repining over his misfortunes sought refuge in the honest labor of tilling the soil, raising and training his horses and other stock, keeping alive his interest in life through the medium of good literature so that when the opportunity arose was ready to accept it. It details the defeat of the Spaniard, the wish of the victor to return to his cherished pursuits, the refusal of the king, the restoration of his father's lands, and his title with the right to bear the arms of the vanquished with the motto, "Virtute Excerptae."

The Spanish Knight had fought for six days, and for three more the Herald stood and said:

"Ye knights of England, here I bear
My master's challenge: will ye dare
To fight against him? See his shield
Three roses white on sable field;
Two years ago no rose was there,
The shield of all device was bare.
Each rose is sign of victory won
By this brave knight of Aragon:
The rose of Austria, rose of France,
And rose of Italy; his lance
Has won them fairly on the field
By making all who met him yield.
Yet one more rose he fain would set
Beside the others. He has met
The bravest men in all your land;
But none against his might could stand.

Once more I offer, in his name,
A chance to wipe out England's shame.
Before he turns to leave your shore,
He fights this once, then fights no more;
This time a *l'outrance*, not in jest.
Let England, then, put forth her best.
What knight will meet him? Will ye fight?
Or will ye humbly own his right
To place the rose of England fair
Among the others blooming there?"

None dared accept the challenge; but no!
one does, and, approaching his king, knelt
and thus made his request:

" 'O King,' he said, 'if I appear
Too bold in thus approaching here,
Know, then, it is for England's sake,
That I have dared this step to take.
Three days have I looked sadly on
And seen this knight of Aragon
Proud England's chivalry defy.
No longer can I thus stand by
In silence, while without one blow
We yield the victory to our foe.
If you will listen to my plea,
I fain would England's champion be.
I am not wholly what you deem;
Though but a peasant I may seem,
This arm hath often borne a shield,
The other, sword and lance can wield.'
'Who art thou, then?' King Henry cried;
To which the other thus replied:
'In days when England knew my fame,
Sir Robert Cary was my name.' "

The preparations being made, the poem proceeds:

“When armor for the horse was found,
The knight, with an exultant bound,
Leaped on its back and spoke one word,
At which the charger, like a bird,
Flew forth upon the level plain,
Unguided by the spur and rein.
Across the level field it went,
And halted by the Spaniard’s tent,
Where still was seen the hanging shield,
Three roses white on sable field.
Sir Robert struck the shield three blows,
One stroke upon each shining rose,
In token that an English knight
Had met the Spaniard’s call to fight.
Sir Robert’s shield bore no device.
Its silvery surface, smooth as ice,
Was polished so that Spanish knight,
Looking upon that mirror bright,
Saw, with a start, reflected there
His own three roses white and fair.
Was it an omen that their glow
Should deck the armor of his foe?”

The progress of the battle is depicted, and thus it ends:

“The strength that work upon the farm
Had given Robert Cary’s arm
Enabled him to deal a blow
That cleft the helmet of his foe,
And laid the haughty Spaniard low.”

The king, after restoring knighthood and his father’s land, thus addresses Sir Robert:

"To keep in memory this day,
 'Tis fitting that the arms you wear
 Some token of your deed should bear.
 Across the unmarked argent field
 That now is on your battered shield,
 Make from your foe's a sable bend,
 And let the three white roses lend
 Their radiance like the stars whose light
 Shines through the blackness of the night.
 Then, for a motto, I suggest,
 What well accords with all the rest,
 'By valor plucked'; the words will show
 That those fair roses, white as snow,
 Were won by him whose deeds maintained
 His country's honor, and thus gained
 The right to wear upon his shield
 The flowers he plucked on tourney field.
 The English words are rough in sound;
 Somewhere a scholar shall be found
 Whose skill your motto can translate
 Into the Latin, more ornate.
 Sir Robert Cary, rise and meet
 The lords and ladies come to greet
 The victor in a well fought fight,
 Whose deeds have proved he has the right
 To bear the honored name of knight.'"

For nearly fifty years his identification with Freemasonry was so close that to speak of one implied the other.

His Masonic record is as follows:

Corinthian Lodge, No. 368, Free and Accepted Masons.

Entered Apprentice Mason.....	April 21, 1868.
Fellow Craft Mason.....	May 19, 1868.
Master Mason	July 21, 1868.
Senior Warden.....	1873.
Worshipful Master	1874.

Secretary.....1872 and 1875 to
1905.

Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

Almoner Grand Lodge Charity Fund ..1875 to 1882.

Committee on By-laws1883 to 1909.

Chairman from 1891.

Oriental Royal Arch Chapter, No. 183.

Mark Master Mason.....November 24, 1869.

Most Excellent Master MasonNovember 24, 1869.

Royal Arch MasonJanuary 14, 1870.

Scribe1875.

King1876.

Most Excellent High Priest.....1877.

Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Grand Secretary1894 to 1913.

Emeritus Grand SecretaryFrom 1913 until his
death.

*Philadelphia Council No. 11, Royal and Select Master Masons
of Pennsylvania.*

Royal Master MasonMay 10, 1871.

Select Master MasonMay 10, 1871.

Super-Excellent Master MasonMay 10, 1871.

Principal Conductor of Work1881.

Deputy Illustrious Grand Master ...1882.

Thrice Illustrious Grand Master ...1883.

*Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Penn-
sylvania.*

District Deputy Grand Master, Dis-
trict No. 31894 to 1896.

Right Puissant Grand Principal Con-
ductor of Work1894.

Right Puissant Illustrious Grand
Master1895.

Right Puissant Deputy Grand Master.1896.

Most Puissant Grand Master.....1897.

Kadosh Commandery, No. 29, Knights Templar.

Red Cross March 22, 1870.
 Knight Templar April 11, 1870.
 Knight of Malta April 11, 1870.

Corinthian Chasseur Commandery, No. 53, Knights Templar.

Generalissimo 1875.
 Eminent Commander 1876.
 Recorder 1881 to 1904.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

Grand Standard Bearer 1896.

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N. M. J.

Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection,
 14° September 18, 1874.
 Dejoinville Council Princes of Jeru-
 salem, 16° October 16, 1874.
 Kilwinning Chapter Rose Croix, 18° ... November 10, 1874.
 Philadelphia Consistory, S. P. R. S.,
 32° November 10, 1874.

Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 14°.

Junior Warden 1885.
 Senior Warden 1886.
 Deputy Master 1887.
 Thrice Potent Master 1888-1890.

Supreme Council, 33°.

Elected Sovereign Grand Inspector
 General 33° September 17, 1889.
 Crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector
 General 33° September 16, 1890.

Let us speak of him in this connection. Whether as Secretary of his Lodge, Recorder of his Commandery, or as Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, there is but one opinion as to his qualifications. His

exceptional accuracy, his clearness of thought, and his knowledge of Masonic jurisprudence were pre-eminent. Always punctual in keeping engagements, courteous in his treatment of others, absolutely loyal to his friends and to every trust reposed in him, we may well look upon him as an exemplar of the true qualities of the real Mason.

For two years, 1905-1906, when I was Grand High Priest and he Grand Secretary, we sustained the closest of official relations, and what I said of him in 1905, which is just as true now, was that "he is a fountain of knowledge and wisdom to whom one never turns in vain."

With the name of Charles Cary there will always well up within us a flood of tender recollections and the sweet memory of a dear friend.

"Rest, Brother, rest. Thy journey's o'er."

I offer the following, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, In the passing of M. E. Companion Charles Cary this Grand Chapter has suffered the loss of a faithful servant, and it is fitting that we should now express our sense of bereavement and, at the same, tender to those bound to him by the ties of blood, our sincere sympathy.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion PARK DAVIS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas. Died August 20, 1917.

M. E. Companion WILL H. WHYTE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec. Died September 19, 1917.

M. E. Companion HOWARD R. FRENCH, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky. Died September 11, 1917.

The following certificate was presented and read:

CORINTHIAN ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, NO. 250.

GERMANTOWN, PA., December 4, 1917.

*Thomas McConnell, Jr., Most Excellent Grand High Priest,
Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANION:—At the Annual Election for Officers, held on the Stated meeting of Corinthian R. A. Chapter No. 250, Monday evening, December 3rd, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447, Companion Robert M. Shellenberger was duly elected M. E. High Priest of said Chapter.

Extract from the minutes.

Attest:

SAMUEL SIGLER,

Secretary.

(SEAL)

All the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion ROBERT M. SHELLENBERGER was duly installed

as High Priest of Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter No. 250, and had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him by Companion S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, Principal of the Capitular School of Instruction, at the request of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at five o'clock and thirty minutes P. M.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

ST. JOHN'S DAY,

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447.

PRESENT:

Comp.	THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
"	DAVID J. DAVIS,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
"	EDWARD B. SPENCER,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	GEORGE B. WELLS,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
"	WARREN T. WALKER,	.	.	<i>Assistant Grand Secretary.</i>
"	REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON,	.	.	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	S. E. BURKE KINSLOE,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
"	GEORGE B. HANNUM,	.	as	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
"	FRANK W. MARTENIS,	.	.	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
"	ROBERT A. WALKER,	.	.	<i>Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
"	J. THOMAS MOORE,	.	as	<i>Grand Master of the Second Vail</i>
"	HARRY A. BLAKESLEE,	.	as	<i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG,	.	.	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
"	JOHN FETCH,	.	as	<i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. KROPP,	.	.	<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	CHARLES S. WOOD,	.	.	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN,	.	.	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, ROBERT G. SMITH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, CHARLES H. TILTON, CHARLES H. WEAVER, J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, THOMAS N. MCKEE.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS.

Grand Representatives.

Comp.	WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.
"	FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
"	ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.
"	SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.

Comp. HOWARD M. BROWN, of Grand Chapter of Idaho.

“ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.

“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.

“ DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.

“ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.

“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.

“ THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.

“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.

“ WILLIAM E. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

M. E. Companions C. Wesley Orr, Grand High Priest; Percy W. Willard, Grand King; Jerome L. Cheney, Grand Scribe; Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary, and Companion Emanuel M. Kaiser, all of the Grand Chapter of New York.

M. E. Companions William H. Lowe, Grand High Priest; Henry S. Haines, Grand Instructor; Josiah S. Davidson, Grand Royal Arch Captain; James S. Ware, Samuel G. Rudderow and Fred T. Crane, Past Grand High Priests, all of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

M. E. Companions George S. Scott, Grand High Priest, and William J. Fisher, Grand Master of the Second Vail, of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

Companions of Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 165, 173, 175, 177, 181, 183, 190, 202, 208, 209, 220, 221, 225, 226, 233, 234, 237, 240, 243, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 266, 267, 284, 301. (34 Chapters.) (68 members.) (16 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, December 6, 1917, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed Amendments to By-laws of Chapter No. 199 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, December 27, 1917.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws beg leave to report, that they have examined the proposed Amendment to the By-laws of Chapter No. 199, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-laws of Chapter No. 199 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,

Committee.

The Committee on Correspondence presented their report, and M. E. Past Grand High Priest Companion WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, Chairman, moved that the report be referred to the Grand Officers, with power to print. The motion was agreed to.

The Most Excellent Grand Secretary reported that General Returns had been received from sixty Chapters and Mark Lodges.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., presented his annual address.

COMPANIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER:

It has been truly said, we judge of the future by the past; but we do more, we regulate and direct our actions in the present with the experience gained and with regard to what has happened in the past, and therefore largely make the future by the past, and

nowhere is this more true than in Freemasonry. It is therefore very fitting at the close of another year that we should, as usual, review the work of the year just completed.

NEW CHAPTERS.

On June 26, 1917, accompanied by other Grand Officers, I visited Braddock, Pennsylvania, and constituted Braddock's Field Royal Arch Chapter No. 303.

On July 10, 1917, accompanied by other Grand Officers, I visited York, Pennsylvania, and constituted Yorktown Royal Arch Chapter No. 304.

These Chapters both give promise of speedily becoming strong and healthy constituents of Grand Chapter.

CONSULTATIONS.

I invited all Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests, District Deputy Grand High Priests, appointed officers of Grand Chapter and Representatives of all the subordinate Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction to meet me at two P. M. on September 6, 1917, in Grand Chapter Hall at Philadelphia to consider questions involving the general welfare of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction and for instruction in the work.

The meeting was attended by the five Grand Officers, eight Past Grand High Priests, seventeen

District Deputy Grand High Priests, sixty-one Representatives of subordinate Chapters, thirteen other members of Grand Chapter and four visitors.

Some of the questions discussed were:

1. Should the existing decisions requiring physical perfection as a qualification for initiation into Royal Arch Masonry be modified so as to conform to the language of Article 17, Section 1, of the Constitution of Grand Chapter?

2. Should the wearing of crowns in Grand Communications and Chapter meetings be confined to the officers, thus making it possible to adopt some measure of sanitation?

3. Should the Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended so that where a candidate for initiation applies to a Chapter not the nearest to his residence the Chapter nearest to his residence shall have notice, so that its members may communicate with the Committee appointed to investigate his character and fitness for such initiation, but shall not have the right to ballot on the inquiry as heretofore?

4. Should the per capita tax payable to Grand Chapter be increased to fifty cents?

The meeting was educational and very interesting, but, of course, had no administrative powers. The questions were fully and freely discussed pro and con and a vote taken on each question simply to deter-

mine, if possible, the sentiment on these questions throughout the Jurisdiction.

On all questions except that regarding physical qualification there appeared to be practical unanimity, and on that question there were not more than two or three voting in the negative.

DECISIONS.

Like many, and most likely all, of my predecessors, I have been called upon to answer many questions which would not have been asked had those inquiring taken the trouble to read the Constitution of Grand Chapter or the By-laws of their own Chapter, or both. These and other questions seeming to me unimportant, I shall not dignify or mention, but recommend that all Royal Arch Masons, and especially those holding office, familiarize themselves with the written law of Royal Arch Masonry, which is so easy to obtain.

I have made the following decisions:

POWER OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

My immediate predecessor within a few hours before my installation issued an order (fully set forth in his address in Grand Chapter Proceedings of 1916) to Urania Royal Arch Chapter No. 192, to proceed and ballot on the petitions of each of twelve petitioners therein named, and, if approved, and no objection be made in Urania Chapter, to further proceed and confer the degrees.

This order had been made in view of the fact that, upon inquiry by Urania Royal Arch Chapter No. 192 addressed to Connellsville Royal Arch Chapter No. 283 as to whether there was any Masonic objection to Urania Chapter acting upon said twelve petitions, a black ball had been cast in each case, all at the same meeting of Connellsville Chapter, and these being all the petitions concerning which inquiry was made. The Grand High Priest, in reporting said order in his address to Grand Chapter, said: "I am convinced that the action of Connellsville Royal Arch Chapter in the matter is such a flagrant case of assumed jurisdiction on the part of said Chapter that I can only characterize the action of said Chapter as subversive of the best interests of Capitular Masonry and clearly an invasion of the rights of another Chapter."

Shortly after my installation I received a petition from several members of Connellsville Chapter, who were also members of Grand Chapter, requesting me, as Grand High Priest, to take such action as might be necessary to stay proceedings in Chapter No. 192 until the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter, at which time they might appeal from the order or take such action as is required by Masonic law to determine the validity of the said order.

I informed the Companions that in Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania the orders and decisions of the Grand High Priest are final and subject to no

appeal, and that his power over the making of Royal Arch Masons has no limitations, it being understood, of course, that he cannot make a Companion a member of a Chapter. This prerogative I consider one of the most important in the Fraternity, and have been and am determined to exercise it to the limit wherever convinced that the black ball is used in subversion of the interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

No Chapter has jurisdiction over man or territory. The black ball can only be properly used to defend our Fraternity from the admission of unworthy men, and surely in Royal Arch Masonry we have the right to expect broad, manly vision and the absence of narrowness and selfishness. Anyone using the black ball from a narrow or selfish motive, if he can be identified, should be dealt with as an enemy of the craft.

PETITION FOR WARRANT.

There seems to have been a notion among our Companions that after presenting in Grand Chapter a petition for a Warrant for a new Chapter additional names may be added up to the time of the constitution of the new Chapter, and even of Companions who were still affiliated at the date of the presentation of the petition.

Not because there should be any reason for doubt, but in order to end all tendency toward carelessness, I have decided:

That only those who are not connected with any Chapter are eligible to sign the petition for a Warrant, and this requires that their resignations from their previous membership should be actually accepted before the date of the Communication of Grand Chapter at which the petition is presented. That the name of any Companion who has signed the petition and was not competent to sign it on the date of said Communication must be stricken off. That no names can be added after it is presented. That if the petition contains a sufficient number of signers who were competent to sign it on the date of said Communication the striking off of those incompetent will not affect its validity, and that only those who were competent to sign the petition, did sign the petition, and were actually present at the constitution, become Charter members of the new Chapter. All others must enter by petition in the usual form.

My intention, however, was to make the law clear for the present and the future, and not to disturb the membership of any Companion in Chapters previously constituted.

VALIDITY OF ELECTION.

Where a Secretary was elected at the next stated meeting before St. John's Day, and during the course of the same meeting the Most Excellent High Priest received word from him (*bona fide*, though he was absent from the meeting) that he would not accept the office and a new election was immediately had

and resulted in the election of a member who was present and was installed, I decided that the second election and installation were valid, and directed the former Secretary to deliver the books, papers and other property of the Chapter to the Companion so elected and installed.

ELECTION TICKETS.

Where three Trustees are to be elected and two of those formerly serving decline re-election: A printed ticket issued by aspiring Companions or their friends, containing the name of the one Trustee desiring re-election and two other eligible candidates, not an imitation of the official ballot issued by the Chapter, is not contrary to any law or usage of the Fraternity. If a printed ticket bearing one name may be issued where there is one to be elected, there can be no reasonable objection to a printed ticket bearing three names where three are to be elected. There was nothing about the ticket calculated to mislead or deceive an ordinarily intelligent man, and Royal Arch Masons must be presumed to have and to exercise ordinary intelligence.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATION.

After very careful consideration and with all due respect to the expressed opinions of my predecessors, I have reached the conclusion that physical perfection as a qualification for initiation into Freemasonry is a landmark applying only to the making of Free Masons. It has never been considered a bar to

advancement at any other point except initiation into a Mark Lodge or Chapter, and its application at that point is quite recent. I have therefore decided that the qualifications necessary for initiation into Capitular Masonry are fully set forth in Article 17, Section 1, of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, which reads as follows:

“An applicant for the Capitular degrees, or for membership, shall have some visible means of an honest livelihood, be a Past Master either by election or dispensation, in good standing with the Fraternity, a member of a Lodge of Master Masons, and competent to perform all the work in the degrees he applies for.”

And I have accordingly permitted several applicants having slight physical defects, which in no way interfered with the performance of the work of the Capitular degrees, to be initiated.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Where a new Chapter was constituted in June without any Past High Priest among its members, and the High Priest, who had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him at the constitution of the Chapter, is elected High Priest at the December meeting to serve for the ensuing year, he may be elected as Representative of his Chapter in Grand Chapter at said December meeting, or at any subsequent stated meeting upon due notice being given to the members.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I appointed Companion WILLIAM M. COUPER Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec.

APPOINTMENTS.

I appointed Companion J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER District Deputy Grand High Priest for District No. 8, in place of Companion PETER K. FILBERT, deceased.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION.

I have requested waiver of Jurisdiction from New Jersey in four cases, to Ohio in one case and to New York in two cases, these being all the waivers that have been requested from other Jurisdictions.

I have requested waiver of Jurisdiction from New Jersey in six cases, five of which have been granted, and the other, a recent case, is still pending.

In several instances I have been requested by Grand High Priests of sister Jurisdictions to direct Chapters of this Jurisdiction to confer degrees upon candidates applying in the sister Jurisdiction but living in this Jurisdiction, and have declined, owing to the provisions of Article 14, Section 29, of the Constitution of Grand Chapter. It is not clear whether this section was intended to limit the power of the Grand High Priest, but I have not thought it necessary to interpret it otherwise.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

I have granted dispensations to hold special elections in the following cases:

March 8, 1917, to Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter No. 250, to hold an election for Secretary, to fill a vacancy caused by death.

April 14, 1917, to Occidental Royal Arch Chapter No. 235, to hold an election for Secretary, to fill a vacancy caused by death.

June 8, 1917, to Kensington Royal Arch Chapter No. 233, to hold an election for Scribe, to fill a vacancy caused by death.

It has been my desire to assist Companions going into the military and naval service of the United States in every way possible, and I have therefore granted the following dispensations to permit the Royal Arch Degree to be conferred without waiting the usual time, with the condition, however, in each case, that the Companion record his mark before the degree was conferred:

June 13, 1917, to Montgomery Royal Arch Chapter No. 262, to confer the Royal Arch Degree.

June 14, 1917, to Warrior Run Royal Arch Chapter No. 191, to confer the Royal Arch Degree.

August 28, 1917, to Yorktown Royal Arch Chapter No. 304, to confer the Royal Arch Degree upon two candidates.

October 30, 1917, to Danville Royal Arch Chapter No. 239, to confer the Royal Arch Degree.

October 31, 1917, to Yorktown Royal Arch Chapter No. 304, to confer the Royal Arch Degree.

November 29, 1917, to Delta Royal Arch Chapter No. 170, to confer the Royal Arch Degree.

November 30, 1917, to Solomon Royal Arch Chapter No. 191, to confer the Royal Arch Degree.

December 7, 1917, to Lycoming Royal Arch Chapter No. 222, to confer the Royal Arch Degree.

December 8, 1917, to Harmony Royal Arch Chapter No. 52, to confer the Royal Arch Degree upon two candidates.

BY VIRTUE OF MY PRESENCE.

October 22, 1917, I permitted Perseverance Royal Arch Chapter No. 21, at Harrisburg, to confer the Royal Arch Degree in my presence upon five candidates, without waiting the usual time. Each of the brethren recorded his mark before the degree was conferred.

MADE AT SIGHT.

October 22, 1917, at Harrisburg, in a meeting of Perseverance Royal Arch Chapter No. 21, I caused a Royal Arch Mason to be made at sight.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

I refused in a number of cases to grant dispensations to confer the Royal Arch Degree without waiting the usual time, where the reasons assigned for setting aside the law did not seem to me to be sufficient.

In several instances I declined to grant dispensations to hold the stated meeting of a Chapter at an earlier hour than that called for in the By-laws.

I have in each case followed the theory that brethren should subject their convenience to that of the Chapter, and that convenience should give way to law; but, on the other hand, to answer a call to service, naval or military, is a most imperative obligation, and, of course, cannot be subjected to the convenience of any man or any body of men, and every possible effort should be made to assist a brother who is called.

INVITATIONS.

I was compelled to decline an invitation to attend the Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, because the time conflicted with other Masonic engagements which I was unable to set aside.

I accepted an invitation to attend the Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of New York, held on February 5, 6 and 7, at Albany, and accompanied by the Most Excellent Grand King and Grand Mar-

shal, was received with full honors and given every possible courtesy and kindness by our Companions of New York.

March 31, 1917, accompanied by the Most Excellent Grand King, the Most Excellent Grand Secretary and the Grand Marshal, I attended a meeting of Empire Chapter, of New York, at the Masonic Temple, in New York City, given in honor of M. E. Companion C. WESLEY ORR, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, by his home Chapter, to congratulate him upon his election to the office of Grand High Priest. There were present four Grand High Priests and various delegations from sister Jurisdictions and the meeting consisted of about 1200 to 1500 enthusiastic Royal Arch Masons. Evidently Empire Chapter appreciated having one of its members elected Grand High Priest. I told our Companions of New York that if I could not be Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, I would like to be Grand High Priest of New York.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

At this Annual Grand Communication, December 27, 1917, we have with us the following distinguished visitors:

M. E. C. WESLEY ORR, Grand High Priest of New York.

R. E. PERCY W. WILLARD, Grand King of New York.

R. E. JEROME L. CHENEY, Grand Scribe of New York.

M. E. CHARLES C. HUNT, Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest of New York.

R. E. EMANUEL M. KAISER, Grand Representative of Florida near the Grand Chapter of New York.

M. E. WILLIAM HERBERT LOWE, Grand High Priest of New Jersey.

M. E. HENRY S. HAINES, Grand Lecturer of New Jersey.

M. E. JAMES S. WARE, Past Grand High Priest of New Jersey.

M. E. SAMUEL G. RUDDEROW, Past Grand High Priest of New Jersey.

M. E. FREDERICK T. CRANE, Past Grand High Priest of New Jersey.

E. JOSIAH S. DAVIDSON, Grand Royal Arch Captain of New Jersey.

M. E. GEORGE S. SCOTT, Grand High Priest of Delaware.

Companion WILLIAM J. FISHER, Grand Master Second Vail of Delaware.

GRAND VISITATIONS.

During the year I have made the following Grand Visitations, accompanied by a full Corps of Grand Officers and Appointed Officers of Grand Chapter:

January 5, 1917, to Harmony Royal Arch Chapter No. 52, at Philadelphia.

October 2, 1917, to Tristram B. Freeman Royal Arch Chapter No. 243, at Philadelphia.

October 22, 1917, to Perseverance Royal Arch Chapter No. 21, at Harrisburg, when the three degrees were conferred in my presence.

October 23, 1917, to Lycoming Royal Arch Chapter No. 222, at Williamsport, when the three degrees were rehearsed for the benefit of this and nearby Chapters.

October 24, 1917, to Elk Royal Arch Chapter No. 230, at Ridgway, when the three degrees were rehearsed for the benefit of this and nearby Chapters.

October 25, 1917, to Temple Royal Arch Chapter No. 215, at Erie, when the three degrees were rehearsed for the benefit of this and nearby Chapters.

October 26, 1917, to Temple School of Instruction, at Pittsburgh, when the three degrees were rehearsed for the benefit of all nearby Companions, of which there was quite a good attendance.

INFORMAL VISITATIONS.

I have during the year made the following informal visitations:

January 22, 1917, to Media Royal Arch Chapter No. 234, at Media, accompanied by the Most Excellent Grand Scribe, Most Excellent Grand Secretary

and the Grand Marshal. M. E. Past Grand High Priest A. G. CRISWELL SMITH also honored the Chapter with his presence.

February 12, 1917, to Melita Royal Arch Chapter No. 284, at Philadelphia.

February 20, 1917, to University Royal Arch Chapter No. 256, at Philadelphia, accompanied by the Most Excellent Grand Scribe, M. E. Past Grand High Priests CARL A. SUNDSTROM and A. G. CRISWELL SMITH and the Grand Marshal.

February 26, 1917, to Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 175, at Philadelphia.

March 7, 1917, to Perseverance Royal Arch Chapter No. 21, at Harrisburg, accompanied by the Most Excellent Grand Scribe, Most Excellent Grand Secretary and the Grand Marshal, when I took the station of the Most Excellent High Priest and conferred the Royal Arch Degree upon thirty-one (31) candidates. M. E. Past Grand High Priest PORTER W. LOWRY also honored the Chapter with his presence.

April 10, 1917, to Girard Mark Lodge No. 214, at Philadelphia.

April 17, 1917, to University Royal Arch Chapter No. 256, at Philadelphia.

April 19, 1917, to Oriental Royal Arch Chapter No. 183, at Philadelphia.

April 23, 1917, to Media Royal Arch Chapter No. 234, at Media, to witness the conferring of the Mark Master Mason's degree by the Most Excellent Grand Scribe in his home Chapter.

April 27, 1917, to Signet Royal Arch Chapter No. 251, at Philadelphia.

May 11, 1917, to Palestine Royal Arch Chapter No. 240, at Philadelphia, accompanied by the Most Excellent Grand Scribe, Most Excellent Grand Secretary, District Deputy Grand High Priests ROBERT G. SMITH and SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM and a number of Appointed Officers of Grand Chapter.

June 13, 1917, to Philadelphia Royal Arch Chapter No. 169, at Philadelphia.

June 26, 1917, to Temple School of Instruction, at Pittsburgh.

October 15, 1917, to Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 3, at Philadelphia.

October 18, 1917, to Royal Arch Chapter No. 43, at Lancaster, accompanied by Companion CHARLES F. BOWER, Most Excellent High Priest of University Chapter No. 256.

November 15, 1917, to Coatesville Royal Arch Chapter No. 267, at Coatesville, accompanied by the Most Excellent Grand Scribe, Most Excellent Grand Secretary and a number of Officers and Past Officers of Philadelphia Chapters, when I took the station of

the Most Excellent High Priest and conferred the Royal Arch Degree upon two (2) candidates.

November 20, 1917, to Reading Royal Arch Chapter No. 152 and Excelsior Royal Arch Chapter No. 237, both at Reading, accompanied by the Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

December 11, 1917, to Chester Royal Arch Chapter No. 258, at Chester, accompanied by the Most Excellent Grand Scribe and Most Excellent Grand Secretary, when M. E. Past Grand High Priest A. G. CRISWELL SMITH also honored the Chapter with his presence.

JOSHUA ASSOCIATION.

About ten years ago a voluntary association of the Most Excellent High Priests of Chapters meeting in Philadelphia was formed under the title of "*Joshua Association*," to which Past High Priests, Kings and Scribes have since been made eligible, and it seems also to be a part of their plan to elect Grand Officers to honorary membership as soon as they are elected in Grand Chapter.

The plan of the Association has been to visit Chapters in and about Philadelphia and encourage and help them. They have always been in hearty and sympathetic accord with the work of Grand Chapter, and especially so during the past year. The officers and members have cordially and earnestly seconded my work wherever possible, have in many instances

timed their visitations to accord with mine, and, while their Association has no official status as an association, the officers and members are entitled to a word of commendation for the able and unselfish work they are doing to build up Royal Arch Masonry in Philadelphia and its vicinity. I wish more of the Companions in this and other localities would emulate their example.

EXEMPLIFICATIONS OF WORK.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter in March, the Mark Master Mason's Degree was exemplified by the officers of Melita Royal Arch Chapter No. 284, Companion DUNCAN H. MACKENZIE, Most Excellent High Priest of the Chapter, acting as Worshipful Master.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter in June, the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree was exemplified by officers and members of various Chapters, Companion CHARLES F. BOWER, Most Excellent High Priest of University Royal Arch Chapter No. 256, acting as Most Excellent Master.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter in September, the Royal Arch Mason's Degree was exemplified by officers and members of various Chapters, Companion ROBERT A. RAVEN, Most Excellent High Priest of Germantown Royal Arch Chapter No. 208, acting as Most Excellent High Priest.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter in December, Companion ROBERT M. SHELLENBERGER was installed Most Excellent High Priest of Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter No. 250 by Companion S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, Principal of the Capitular School of Instruction, at Philadelphia.

The exemplifications were all arranged by Companion S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, Principal of the Capitular School of Instruction at Philadelphia, and his efficient and faithful corps of instructors.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

I am convinced that much good is done by the faithful work of the Capitular Schools of Instruction at Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and desire, if possible, to add to the interest and extent of their work. This branch of our labor has accomplished much, but I fear has not been sufficiently encouraged.

AMENDMENTS.

At our Quarterly Communication in December, Amendments to the Constitution of Grand Chapter were made, the effect of which is:

1. To raise the per capita tax payable to Grand Chapter to fifty cents.
2. To confine the wearing of the crown to officers in Communications of Grand Chapter and meetings of subordinate Chapters.

3. To require notice only to be given to the Chapter nearest to a candidate's home, when application is made by him to another Chapter, and to abolish the taking of two ballots on the application.

Printed copies of the amended sections as amended will be sent to all Chapters in the Jurisdiction.

DEATHS.

Death has not failed to show his unwelcome presence among us during the year and several members of our official family have been summoned to the Grand Chapter above.

J. WAELDER McMULLEN, a member of Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 175, of Philadelphia, who served as a member of the Finance Committee of Grand Chapter from the 27th day of December, 1912, to the date of his death, died on the 5th day of February, A. D. 1917. Companion McMULLEN had been well known among us for years as an active and useful member of Grand Chapter.

PETER K. FILBERT, a member of Mountain City Chapter No. 196, of Pottsville, died on the 20th day of April, 1917. He had served as District Deputy Grand High Priest from December 27, 1904, to the date of his death, and was one of the best-known members of Grand Chapter, and a man whose place will be hard to fill.

CHARLES CARY, a member of Oriental Chapter No. 183, of Philadelphia, died August 4, 1917. He served as Most Excellent Grand Secretary of Grand Chapter, 1894 to 1913 inclusive, and as Grand Secretary Emeritus from 1913 to the date of his death. Reference to his life record has been made in a eulogy prepared by Companion J. HENRY WILLIAMS, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, and spread in full upon the minutes of our Quarterly Communication of December 6, 1917.

CONFLICTING DATES.

In the Annual Address of my predecessor mention has been made of Chapters meeting on the same day as Communications of Grand Chapter, and of more than one Chapter having the same name. Naturally a Chapter clings to its name and time of meeting, but I believe it to be a wrong that any Chapter be permitted to hold a meeting at the same time as a Communication of Grand Chapter, thus placing upon its officers conflicting obligations, and it certainly would look reasonable that a Chapter should never have been permitted to adopt a name previously adopted by another Chapter.

If the Chapters do not voluntarily make the necessary changes it may be that Grand Chapter will find it necessary eventually to take some action in the matter.

LOYALTY.

In the history of the world the year just passed has been one of the most momentous. At its opening more than twenty nations, including every first-class power excepting the United States of America, were embroiled in war. During the year our own beloved Republic has been compelled to enter the struggle and to pledge the limit of its resources in men and material to the defense of the principle that all men are born free and equal before God. I have taken every convenient occasion to impress upon the Companions throughout this Grand Jurisdiction that the foundation principles of this great Republic and those of Freemasonry are the same, that our Fraternity could not exist if those principles were to go down to defeat and that Royal Arch Masonry must at all times, in all places and under all circumstances, be found thoroughly and intensely loyal.

April 9, 1917, I caused to be sent to the High Priests of the subordinate Chapters the following edict:

“Hereafter, until further orders, at the opening of each stated, special or extra meeting of your Chapter, after prayer by the Chaplain, you will have played or sung, as most convenient, one or more stanzas of ‘The Star-Spangled Banner,’ the Companions all standing with heads uncovered.”

Subsequently, in response to a request, I attended the stated meeting of University Royal Arch Chapter No. 256, and on behalf of Grand Chapter accepted

from Companion CHARLES F. BOWER, Most Excellent High Priest of said Chapter, the gift of two handsome silk flags of our country, which, in response to my suggestion, were again presented by him and accepted at the June Communication of Grand Chapter, and have since been displayed in all Communications of Grand Chapter and meetings of subordinate Chapters held in Grand Chapter Hall. This may well have indicated to subordinate Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction that the display of the National Flag in Chapter meetings would meet with approval, and in my travels throughout the State I have found it displayed in every Chapter Hall visited.

This flag is a handsome addition to the furniture of any Chapter Hall. It contains the colors of Royal Arch Masonry, with the exception of the purple, which is but a combination of the red and blue. It stands for all the principles which those colors teach; it has never stood for an unrighteous cause or covered a dishonorable act; it is in place wherever an honest man or virtuous woman may be found; it has never brought the blush of shame to the cheek of either; it has never known defeat, and we trust in God that it never shall. The absolute and unqualified loyalty of Royal Arch Masonry to that flag, and to all that it represents, is always assured.

CONCLUSION.

Peace and harmony prevails throughout the Jurisdiction. The finances of Grand Chapter are healthy

and should, in view of the recent Amendment to the Constitution, become much more so. Better accommodations have been secured for the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Most Excellent Grand Secretary. The most vital part of Grand Chapter records are now in fireproof cases, which they have not been in the past, and we hope soon to add further fire-proof cases so that all records and papers of Grand Chapter will be safely cared for.

I would do violence to my feelings should I fail to mention the ready, warm-hearted and efficient sympathy and assistance I have received during the year from all the Grand Officers and members of Grand Chapter and from the officers and members of the various subordinate Chapters with whom I have come in contact. I have been especially blessed in having about me officers both elective and appointed, Past Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand High Priests, Committees, Instructors in the Schools and other Companions in the various stations and places in both the Grand Chapter and the subordinate Chapters who vie with one another in their desire to serve. Their service is not only of the head and hands, but of the heart. I know full well that this is prompted largely by their love for Capitular Masonry and their desire to dignify and exalt the office of Most Excellent Grand High Priest, but am happy in the thought that, in part at least, it indicates respect and affection for the present occupant of that office, and without referring to anyone in particular, for all

have done the best they could, I return my heartfelt thanks for, and fullest appreciation of, all that has been done. I regard every Royal Arch Mason in Pennsylvania as my friend and Companion. May the Lord bless and prosper you all.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., directed the Most Excellent Grand Secretary to announce the following appointments:

APPOINTMENTS.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

A. Companion PAUL J. PONTIUS, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 52, 175, 226, 243, 248, 284, and Girard Mark Lodge No. 214, in Philadelphia.

B. Companion ROBERT G. SMITH, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 3, 169, 183, 240, 251 and 256, in Philadelphia.

C. Companion SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 91, 208, 232, 233, 250, and Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, in Philadelphia.

1. Companion J. HOWARD S. BARNES, of Norristown, for the Counties of Bucks and Montgomery (except Chapter No. 262), and Chapter No. 198, of Chester County.

2. Companion WESLEY R. MORGAN, of Chester, for the Counties of Chester (except Chapter No. 198)

and Delaware, and Chapter No. 262, of Montgomery County.

3. Companion MILTON E. GINGRICH, of Lancaster, for the Counties of Berks, Lancaster (except Chapter No. 224) and Lebanon.

4. Companion JOHN H. BENNETT, of York, for the Counties of Adams and York, and Chapter No. 224, of Lancaster County.

5. Companion CHARLES R. ROBERTS, of Allentown, for the Counties of Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton and Pike.

6. Companion CHARLES H. TILTON, of Scranton, for the Counties of Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Wayne, and Chapter No. 205, of Wyoming County.

7. Companion CHARLES H. WEAVER, of Wilkes-Barre, for the Counties of Luzerne and Sullivan, and Chapters No. 161, of Bradford County, and No. 172, of Wyoming County.

8. Companion J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, of Pottsville, for the Counties of Carbon and Schuylkill.

9. Companion WILLIAM F. SHAY, of Watsontown, for the Counties of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union.

10. Companion ARTHUR W. GILLAN, of Chambersburg, for the Counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata and Perry.

11. Companion RICHARD J. FAUST, of Mount Union, for the Counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon and Mifflin.

12. Companion JAMES H. REEDER, of Williamsport, for the Counties of Centre, Clinton and Lycoming, and Chapters Nos. 261, of Bradford County, and 227, of Cameron County.

13. Companion MAXWELL JOHN MOORE, of Bradford, for the Counties of Clearfield, Elk and McKean (except Chapter No. 254).

14. Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, of Coudersport, for the Counties of Potter and Tioga, and Chapter No. 254, of McKean County.

15. Companion THOMAS N. McKEE, of Kittanning, for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson.

16. Companion EDWARD HOPE, of Pittsburgh, for Chapters Nos. 162, 193, 257, 268, 285 and 297, of Allegheny County.

17. Companion CHARLES B. RUCH, of Washington, for Chapters Nos. 217, 280, 286, 288, of Allegheny County, and 150 and 294, of Washington County.

18. Companion EDMUND W. BOOTS, of McKeesport, for Chapters Nos. 282 and 289, of Allegheny County; No. 249, of Washington County, and No. 290, of Westmoreland County.

19. Companion JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, of Connells-ville, for the Counties of Fayette, Greene, Somerset and Westmoreland (except Chapter No. 290).

20. Companion HUGH M. MARQUIS, of New Castle, for the Counties of Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer.

21. Companion PETER BARKEY, of Erie, for the Counties of Crawford and Erie (except Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County).

22. Companion CHARLES E. COOPER, of Oil City, for the Counties of Forest, Venango and Warren, and Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County.

Trustees.

M. E. Comp. J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P.

“ “ CHARLES CHIPMAN.

“ “ GEORGE W. SEEDS.

Grand Chaplains.

Comp. REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D. D., of Philadelphia.

“ REV. ROBERT C. BOWLING, of Kittanning.

“ REV. CLARENCE H. WOOLSTON, D. D., of Philadelphia.

“ REV. JOHN G. WILSON, D. D., of Philadelphia.

“ REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, of Reading.

“ REV. MCWILLIAM R. CRAIG, of Butler.

Grand Captain of the Host.

Comp. S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Chapter No. 240.

Grand Principal Sojourner.

Comp. BENJAMIN EISEMAN, of Chapter No. 183.

Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Comp. FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Chapter No. 291.

Grand Master of Third Vail.

Comp. ROBERT A. WALKER, of Chapter No. 223.

Grand Master of Second Vail.

Comp. GEORGE P. DARROW, of Chapter No. 208.

Grand Master of First Vail.

Comp. FRANCIS L. BORIE, of Chapter No. 256.

Grand Marshal.

Comp. AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of Chapter No. 243.

Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. RALPH C. MINEHART, of Chapter No. 286.

Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. WILLIAM B. KROPP, of Chapter No. 286.

Grand Pursuivant.

Comp. CHARLES S. WOOD, of Chapter No. 3.

Grand Tyler.

Comp. WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, of Chapter No. 175.

Committee on Jurisprudence.

M. E. Comp.	HIBBERT P. JOHN, P. G. H. P.
“	“ EDGAR A. TENNIS, P. G. H. P.
“	“ MICHAEL W. JACOBS, P. G. H. P.
“	“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, P. G. H. P.
“	“ H. OSCAR KLINE, P. G. H. P.
“	“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P.
“	“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P. G. H. P.
“	“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, P. G. H. P.
“	“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, P. G. H. P.
“	“ GEORGE B. WELLS, P. G. H. P.
“	“ PORTER W. LOWRY, P. G. H. P.

In conjunction with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Committee on Appeals.

M. E. Comp.	GEORGE B. WELLS, P. G. H. P.
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Comp.	ALFRED L. REICHENBACH.
“	REUBEN A. ZIMMERMAN.
“	BERTRAM D. REARICK.

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M. E. Comp.	A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, P. G. H. P.
Comp.	WILLIAM M. DONALDSON.
“	E. MARSHALL HARVEY.
“	MCCLUNEY RADCLIFFE.
“	J. THOMAS MOORE.

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“ WILLIAM R. SUTCH.

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“ WALTER T. TAGGART.

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“ JOSEPH L. MANN.

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“ CHARLES T. GILDEN.

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Comp. LOUIS M. WAGNER.

“ JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON.

“ FRANK E. TOWNSEND.

“ MURRAY GORGAS.

“ GEORGE B. HANNUM.

Capitular School of Instruction.

Comp. S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, *Principal.*

- “ JOHN FETCH.
- “ HENRY S. HAZLETT.
- “ ROBERT D. COLE.
- “ GEORGE B. HANNUM.
- “ BENJAMIN BISWANGER.
- “ JAMES E. LORD.

The Most Excellent Grand Secretary requested the Grand Chapter to confirm the reappointment of Companion WARREN T. WALKER as Assistant Grand Secretary. Upon motion, the reappointment was duly confirmed.

Fraternal addresses were made by all of the distinguished visitors from sister Jurisdictions.

A communication was read from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut, announcing the death of Past Grand High Priest HENRY W. COYE, on November 27, 1917.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at ten o'clock P. M.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
OF
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

- 1795, WILLIAM BALL.*
1796—1797, WILLIAM MOORE SMITH.*
1798—1802, JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH.*
1802—1805, ISRAEL ISRAEL.*
1806—1813, JAMES MILNOR.*
1814, RICHARD TYBOUT.*
1815, SAMUEL F. BRADFORD.*
1816—1817, WALTER KERR.*
1818—1821, BAYSE NEWCOMB.*
1822—1823, JOSIAH RANDALL.*
1824—1825, MICHAEL NISBET.*
1826, JOHN STEELE, JR.*
1827, TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN.*
1828, JOSEPH S. RILEY.*
1829—1831, JOHN M. READ.*
1832—1833, SAMUEL H. PERKINS.*
1834, ENOS S. GANDY.*
1835, JOHN Y. BLACK.*
1836—1840, JOSEPH R. CHANDLER.*
1841—1842, ALEXANDER DIMOND.*
1843—1844, WILLIAM WHITNEY.*
1845—1846, WILLIAM BARGER.*
1847, JOHN MCGRATH.*
1848, JOHN J. KRIDER.*
1849, JAMES SIMPSON.*
1850—1851, DAVID C. SKERRETT.*
1852—1853, EDWARD P. LESCURE.*
1854, ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE.*
1855—1856, HARMAN BAUGH.*
1857, JOHN C. SMITH.*

* Deceased.

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- 1858—1859, DANIEL THOMPSON.*
1860, BENJAMIN PARKE.*
1861, HARMAN YERKES.*
1862—1863, JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON.*
1864—1865, GEORGE W. WOOD.*
1866—1867, SAMUEL C. PERKINS.*
1868—1869, GEORGE GRISCOM.*
1870—1871, MICHAEL NISBET.*
1874—1875, ANDREW ROBENO, JR.*
1876, GEORGE E. WAGNER.*
1877—1878, ALFRED R. POTTER.*
1879—1880, WILLIAM C. HAMILTON.*
1881—1882, HIBBERT P. JOHN.
1883—1884, AUGUSTUS R. HALL.*
1885—1886, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.*
1887—1888, MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON.*
1889—1890, JAMES S. BARBER.*
1891—1892, ALEXANDER H. MORGAN.*
1893—1894, EDGAR A. TENNIS.
1895—1896, EZRA S. BARTLETT.*
1897—1898, RICHARD M. JOHNSON.*
1899—1900, MICHAEL W. JACOBS.
1901—1902, EDWARD B. SPENCER.
1903—1904, H. OSCAR KLINE.
1905—1906, J. HENRY WILLIAMS.
1907—1908, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH.
1909—1910, CARL A. SUNDSTROM.
1911—1912, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH.
1913—1914, GEORGE B. WELLS.
1915—1916, PORTER W. LOWRY.
1917, THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.
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* Deceased.

In Memory of
Past High Priests, Deceased

	CHAPTER	DIED	
HENRY RESSLER	No. 43	Jan.	17, 1917
JOSEPH A. REED	" 43	Jan.	3, 1917
J. W. McDOWELL	" 150	May	14, 1917
GEORGE C. WILSON	" 152	Mar.	11, 1917
WM. H. KANTNER	" 159	Apr.	18, 1917
GILBERT FOLLANSBY	" 162	May	15, 1917
LEVI S. GADDIS	" 165	Sept.	1, 1917
JOSHUA P. BIXLER	" 171	Mar.	21, 1917
FRANK R. SPECK	" 171	Dec.	7, 1916
S. TRACY ROBERTS	" 172	July	1, 1917
SAMUEL H. ALLEN	" 175	Sept.	18, 1917
JOHN O. MILES	" 179	Nov.	14, 1917
N. S. DESSAUER	" 180	Mar.	21, 1917
EUGENE H. TRUE	" 180	Apr.	13, 1917
JAMES F. ZERFASS	" 180	Apr.	18, 1917
WILSON L. KUTZ	" 181	Dec.	23, 1916
PHILIP L. RAEDER	" 182	July	9, 1917
S. KINGSTON McCAY	" 183	May	14, 1917
CHARLES E. PUGH	" 183	Apr.	8, 1913
THOMAS E. LYDDON	" 185	May	6, 1917
MILTON E. GROVE	" 186	Jan.	10, 1917
GEORGE M. WENTZ	" 186	Dec.	22, 1916
LYNNE L. RUPERT	" 187	Mar.	19, 1917
JOSEPH B. DOWNING	" 189	June	6, 1917
JOHN R. FRASER	" 189	Feb.	27, 1916

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	CHAPTER	DIED
WM. S. MCGUNNEGLE.....	No. 191	Nov. 15, 1917
AARON R. NILES	" 194	Dec. 12, 1916
JOSEPH KRAUSE	" 197	Feb. 22, 1917
WM. H. LINDLEY	" 202	Feb. 27, 1917
MARSHALL H. MATLACK..	" 202	Feb. 15, 1917
A. W. THOMAS.....	" 208	May 12, 1917
R. H. THOMAS	" 209	Dec. 20, 1916
CHARLES W. MACKEY.....	" 211	May 25, 1917
STEWART S. D. THOMPSON.	" 217	Jan. 1, 1917
ALFRED S. VANARTSDALEN	" 220	Nov. 26, 1916
PETER A. KRODEL	" 224	Oct. 23, 1917
JACOB G. PENCE	" 224	June 6, 1917
JAMES L. BROWN	" 225	Aug. 8, 1917
EVERETT W. GASKILL	" 227	Dec. 7, 1916
WILLIAM P. BARKER.....	" 230	Dec. 25, 1916
JOHN L. BENZON.....	" 232	Sept. 30, 1917
ROBERT F. ASH	" 234	Apr. 4, 1917
GILBERT M. HEVENER	" 235	Mar. 19, 1917
HIRAM F. HIGGINS	" 235	Apr. 14, 1917
WM. G. HILL	" 236	Feb. 12, 1917
THEODORE DICKINSON ...	" 237	July 22, 1917
PHILLIP E. MAUS	" 239	June 3, 1917
ROBERT G. HAYES	" 241	June 20, 1917
DAVID MILLER	" 241	May 15, 1917
DAVID H. GETZ.....	" 246	Aug. 16, 1917

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Past High Priests, Deceased

	CHAPTER	DIED
GEORGE P. STRAUB	No. 246	Nov. 25, 1916
ATCHISON L. HENCH.....	“ 255	Sept. 3, 1917
JAMES M. SPRAGUE.....	“ 257	Dec. 2, 1916
ISAAC CROWTHER	“ 258	Mar. 21, 1917
WM. M. CLARK	“ 259	Jan. 1, 1917
THEO. L. ADAMS	“ 262	Apr. 12, 1917
GEORGE W. STEWARD	“ 264	Jan. 5, 1917
HENRY O. HARRIS.....	“ 270	Jan. 18, 1917
FRANK A. LEFEVRE.....	“ 270	June 27, 1916
H. SETH SMITH	“ 276	Apr. 25, 1917
DAVID CARLIN	“ 286	Dec. 25, 1916

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The list following shows all the Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter and to whom the reviews were assigned:

ANNUAL CONVOCATION	
Alabama	December
Arizona	November
Arkansas	November
California	April
Canada	January
Colorado	September
Connecticut	May
Delaware	January
District of Columbia	February
England	May
England and Wales	December
England, Grand Mark Lodge	June
Florida	May
General Grand Chapter	September
Georgia	April
Idaho	June
Illinois	October
Indiana	October
Iowa	July
Ireland	December
Kansas	February
Kentucky	October
Louisiana	February
Maine	May

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,
P. G. H. P.

JOSEPH L. MANN.

Maryland.....	November	}	WILLIAM R. MURPHEY.
Massachusetts	December		
Michigan	January		
Minnesota	October		
Mississippi	February		
Missouri	April		
Montana	September		
Nebraska	December		
Nevada	June		
New Brunswick	August		
New Hampshire	May		
New Jersey	May		
New Mexico	October	}	JOHN M. CORE.
New York	February		
North Carolina	June		
North Dakota	June		
Nova Scotia	June		
Ohio	October		
Oklahoma	April		
Oregon	June		
Quebec	March		
Rhode Island	March		
Scotland	March		
South Carolina	February	}	WALTER T. TAGGART.
South Wales	February		
South Dakota	June		
Tennessee	January		
Texas	December		
Utah	May		
Vermont	June		
Victoria	October		
Virginia	November		
Washington	June		
West Virginia	November		
Wisconsin	February		
Wyoming	March		

The alphabetical division of the several Jurisdictions is continued as in previous years, each member of the Committee having his part in the work.

Companion JOSEPH L. MANN was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the retirement of Past

Grand High Priest M. E. Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH.

We give to the Capitular World Pennsylvania's views on the various subjects presented in the reports of the several Grand Jurisdictions. We believe our views on Capitular Masonry should be known by all other Jurisdictions and that we should know their views on the same subjects. In this way honest differences may be reconciled.

Freemasonry has a mission to perform in assisting in the uplift of man. In its inception it taught "a belief in God and love of man," and until we have "peace on earth and good will to man" its mission will not be fulfilled.

The ancient usages, customs and landmarks of Freemasonry are again brought in question. The tendency to modernize and liberalize still continues based upon rulings of the General Grand Chapter. Last year Companion JOHN M. CORE, in reviewing South Carolina, quoted South Carolina against South Carolina on the question of "Physical Perfection," quoting the landmark as set forth by that distinguished Mason and Masonic writer, the late M. E. Companion ALBERT GALLATIN MACKEY, Past Grand High Priest of South Carolina and Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, against Companion JAMES L. MICHIE, of the Correspondence Committee, 1916. We desire to quote further from this distinguished writer on the subject

of "Landmarks" as set forth in his "Masonic Lexicon":

"The *universal language* and the *universal laws* of Masonry are landmarks, but not so are the local ceremonies, laws and usages, which vary in different countries. To attempt to alter or remove these sacred landmarks, by which we examine and prove a brother's claim to share in our privileges, is one of the most heinous offences that a Mason can commit.

"There are, however, certain forms and regulations, which, although not constituting landmarks, are nevertheless so protected by the venerable claim of antiquity that they should be guarded by every good Mason with religious care from alteration. It is not in the power of any body of men to make innovations in Masonry."

These views were held by all those who have made Masonry what it is today. Why then depart from these ancient teachings?

The reports of the various Grand Chapters show a large increase in membership during the year, which is certainly gratifying. But what of this year? The war of nations which has raged with unabated fury for the last three years still continues. Our own beloved land, to maintain our dignity and integrity as a nation, has been forced into this terrible war. Many of our Brothers and Companions are now in France; many more will soon follow; many of them will meet their death in a foreign land, unless that demon in human form with all his ilk shall speedily be disposed of. This will seriously affect our Lodges and Chapters, depriving us of the services of those young and active members upon whom we depended to take up our work, and also largely reduce the number of applicants for degree and membership.

Hence a duty devolves upon us who remain to take up the work anew and preserve our Lodges and Chapters intact.

The great disparity in members between Symbolic and Capitular Masonry still continues. During the coming year let us earnestly endeavor to increase the percentage.

The work of 1917 is completed; 1918 is almost here, and with it comes greater responsibilities in Freemasonry than ever before. Let us meet them as Masons should, and strive to strengthen and perpetuate its grand principles and teachings.

December 27, 1917.

W. B. M.

ALABAMA.

Two Convocations of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama were held during the year.

A Special Convocation was held in the hall of Mineral City Chapter, No. 101, at Birmingham, on December 30, 1915.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at eight o'clock P. M. by M. E. Companion WILLIAM W. RANSOM, Grand High Priest. The other officers were acting as such. A number of Chapters were represented.

R. E. Companion JOSEPH DIXON MATLACK was installed as Grand Scribe by the Grand High Priest.

The minutes were then read and Grand Chapter closed in *Ample Form*.

Grand Chapter was opened in its Ninetieth Annual Convocation, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montgomery, on December 4, at one o'clock P. M., by M. E. Companion WILLIAM W. RANSOM, Grand High Priest. All Grand Officers were present. Seven Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of fifty-nine subordinate Chapters were also present.

A large number of Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alabama were present, Pennsylvania's Representative being among the number.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest delivered his address. It is quite lengthy. His introduction is as follows:

“COMPANIONS:—I greet you on this, our Ninetieth Annual Convocation, and join you in thanksgiving that we have been spared to participate in the pleasures and benefits accruing from the mingling of the Companions in another meeting. That the spirit of brotherly love may become more and more infectious, and in reality cause an epidemic that will mean a greater gain in our Order than we have already experienced in the past year, though that has been a record-breaker, and one of which we are, individually and collectively, very proud.

“We have cause to feel that we have been making wonderful headway in the past year, in other than a remarkable increase in membership, a reason that should make every Alabamian—be he Mason or not—hold his head higher in pride of the fact that the Masons were instrumental in the passing of the School Amendment, which means that the blot of illiteracy will be raised from our glorious State and place her in the educational list proportionate to her standing with other States in other lines.

“We feel that we are to be congratulated upon the fact that our great country is still at peace, though the nations, one by one, have joined the warring factions, and let us hope and pray that God, in His infinite mercy and wisdom, will see fit to bring the cruel strife to an end, and that we, as a nation, in brotherly love and justice, may be the mediator to bring about a peace that will be with honor to ourselves and others.”

Masonry has always stood for education and opposed to illiteracy. We congratulate our good companions of Alabama for their successful efforts in behalf of the school amendment.

Little did the Grand High Priest think that within a short time after he delivered his address our country would be forced into the terrible war which is devastating Europe.

Numerous dispensations were granted—two to reorganize Chapters whose charters had been for-

feited, all right and proper; six to elect officers, sixteen to ballot out of time and confer degrees. Better amend the Constitution as long as it contains a provision prohibiting such a course. We doubt if the Constitution can be set aside by the Grand High Priest. His prerogatives are certainly limited by the Constitution.

He made two decisions, both of which we take it for granted are provided for by the Constitution. In his conclusion he refers to those who have preceded him as follows:

“The men who have served so well before me have left records that make it hard to feel that you can make your term of office to such an exalted position worth while, and I am very grateful to each and every one of the officers and members of our Order for the wonderful help that I have received, and makes it possible for the record of a net gain of nearly five hundred to go down as the largest in the history of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and it is with pride that it has been during my administration as Grand High Priest.”

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a cash balance of two thousand two hundred and six and $21/100$ dollars (\$2206.21).

The Grand Secretary's report shows the present membership to be forty-eight hundred and ninety-three (4893), a net gain of four hundred and ninety-three (493), the largest in the history of the Grand Chapter.

The several standing Committees made their reports, which were approved by Grand Chapter.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Companion LAWRENCE H. LEE. It

is an excellent report, containing much of interest to the Capitular World. His reference to "Dispensations" under Arizona is pleasing to the writer, and we believe will meet the approval of many Royal Arch Masons. We give it:

"We note the granting of dispensations, to hurry up six brethren, and the comment that the constitutional fee of \$30 was collected. From a financial standpoint, it pays to grant dispensations in Arizona to make Royal Arch Masons in a hurry, whether it does otherwise or not."

Pennsylvania is accorded courteous treatment.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest, with a sketch of his life, marks the introduction to the proceedings.

M. E. Companion JOHN H. McCORMICK was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. Companion GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP re-elected Grand Secretary. They were installed by M. E. Companion NORMAN GUNN.

W. B. M.

ARIZONA.

The members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona met in their Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Phoenix, on Wednesday, February 14, 1917.

Grand Chapter was opened at two o'clock P. M. by M. E. Companion EDWIN SEYMOUR MILLER, Grand High Priest. All except two of the Grand Chapter Officers were present. Eleven Past Grand High Priests and Representatives of all subordinate Chapters were present.

The Grand High Priest presented a brief address devoted to the interests of his own Grand Chapter. He granted two dispensations, both of which met with the approval of Grand Chapter. He made one decision on the question of physical disability, basing his decision on the ruling of the General Grand Chapter. It would not meet the approval of our Grand Chapter. He made but one visitation.

The Grand Secretary's report shows the receipts to have been twelve hundred and fifty-five and 40/100 dollars (\$1255.40), and the membership to be eight hundred and twenty-eight (828), an increase of fifty-six during the year.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a cash balance of thirteen hundred and fifty-three and 56/100 dollars (\$1353.56), and the total assets of Grand Chapter to be seven thousand six hundred and eighty-three and 56/100 dollars (\$7683.56).

The various standing Committees made their annual reports, all of which were approved by the Grand Chapter.

A charter was granted for a new Chapter to be located at Winslow.

The Committee on Correspondence did not present a review of the various Grand Chapters.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest is found with the proceedings.

M. E. Companion LOUIS GWALTNEY MOYERS was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. Companion GEORGE JAMES ROSKRUGE was re-elected Grand Secretary. Both were installed.

W. B. M.

ARKANSAS.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, on November 23, 1916.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M. by M. E. Companion DURAND WHIPPLE, Grand High Priest. All Grand Officers present; ten Past Grand High Priests. Sixty-four subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest appointed the several Committees, then read his address. It is very lengthy, going very fully into every act during the year, as we believe should be done. In his introduction he discusses the weakness of subordinate Chapters. Every Jurisdiction has its weak and indifferent Chapters, hence all will be interested in the causes of weakness and a possible remedy.

“Outside of general conditions, however, the greatest cause of a weak Chapter lay in weakness or failure of the officers entrusted with its care. A poor secretary will almost invariably mean a poor Chapter, and inefficiency or inattention of the High Priest is almost as bad. One prolific source of dormancy lay in the practice of continuing in office those who, through

age or lessening of interest, had ceased to instill into their organizations the life that they required. A great source of discouragement and ultimate loss of interest among younger members lay in the practice of re-electing the same officers year after year, and thereby holding back those whose laudable ambition it was to work their way through the various stations to honors that might become theirs by reason of duties well performed.”

Pretty good reasons; hits every Jurisdiction pretty hard.

There appears to have been active co-operation between the several Grand bodies—Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery. This action has been productive of good to the several Grand bodies. The following from his address on this subject:

“During the conclave at Little Rock, numerous suggestions were made whereby our membership might be increased without any detriment to its high standing.

“And it was generally agreed that one of the most crying needs that we have today to make the Commanderies grow is more attention to the various Chapters, from which the Commanderies must, of necessity, get their material.

“We cannot possibly expect the top of the building to stand unless the foundation is firmly established.

“Neither can we expect the tree to grow unless the root is properly nurtured and cultivated.

“Hence, it is very natural that the Commandery cannot grow unless the Chapter grows.

“Therefore, I would bespeak for every Chapter in your jurisdiction your hearty co-operation and support, as a means of gaining this much-desired end.

“We have today a little over 20,000 Master Masons in the State; just a few over 4,000 Chapter Masons, which is one of the smallest percentages of any of the States.

“Out of this number of Blue Lodge Masons the Chapter should easily have one-third, or approximately 8,000.

“And with a Chapter membership of that size, the Templar membership should, and no doubt would, be greatly increased from what it is at the present time.

“Now, Sir Knights, deliberate over these things a little, and then let's put our shoulder to the wheel, and with 'a long pull, and a strong pull and a pull altogether,' see what our effort can bring forth.”

We bespeak consideration of the above by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. The percentage of Master Masons who are not Royal Arch Masons is too large. If Commanderies desire to increase their membership, they must urge Master Masons to become Royal Arch Masons.

He asked the various subordinate Chapters for reports, giving names of officers and all degrees conferred. In speaking of the failure of certain Chapters to comply with his request, he says:

“After the last annual convocation, letters were sent to each Chapter calling on them for the names of their officers then installed and the date of their annual election. The facts so gathered were of great help, and such information should be at the disposal of every Grand High Priest.

“Reports also were asked for of all degrees conferred. This was designed to stimulate activity by letting the Chapters know their work was under regular observation. Many such reports were made, and the object desired seems to have been attained.

“About a score of subordinate Chapters failed to comply with the requests for any of these reports. In each case such failure to report could only be the direct result of failure on the part of the secretary, and it was an interesting coincidence that in almost every instance such failure to report came from a Chapter showing signs of weakness. It was a striking illustration of the fact that a poor secretary makes a poor Chapter.”

He made twenty official visitations, was most cordially received, and comments on the work of the Chapters.

He made a number of decisions which met with the approval of Grand Chapter.

He made twelve recommendations, eight of which were approved by Grand Chapter. One that was disapproved was in reference to meetings, based upon full moon or some other changeable date. We hope Grand Chapter will change base and compel all Chapters to meet at fixed and certain dates.

He restored the Warrants of five Chapters and arrested two Warrants for failure to make reports or pay dues.

He entered upon the duties of his office with a determination to improve and benefit Capitular Masonry. He succeeded. His administration will compare favorably with any of his predecessors.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of seven thousand seven hundred and forty-eight and 30/100 dollars (\$7748.30).

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that the Grand Chapter of Alberta be recognized. The report was adopted.

The present membership is forty-six hundred and fifteen (4615), a gain of two hundred and thirty-seven.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is not published with the proceedings.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest is found with the proceedings.

M. E. Companion ALLEN WINHAM was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. Companion JOHN C. BOONE re-elected Grand Secretary. Both were installed.

W. B. M.

CALIFORNIA.

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California was held in the Scottish Rite Temple, in the city of Sacramento, on Tuesday, April 17, 1917.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M. by M. E. Companion CASIMIR JACKSON WOOD, Grand High Priest. All officers of Grand Chapter were present, except Grand Captain of the Host. Forty-three Chapters were represented, and delegates from Chapter under dispensation were also present.

The Grand High Priest presented his address, in which he reviews his actions during the year.

He notes the death of three Past Grand High Priests during the year, one being M. E. Companion WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, for so many years Grand Secretary.

He granted eight special dispensations, some of which, with us, would be considered of doubtful propriety.

Under the head of decisions we quote as follows:

“I am more than pleased to report that no decisions have been required of me during the past year.

“This is probably a wonderful exception to the ordinary progress of a year’s work, and I attribute a great deal of it to the perfection of our present constitution, for which we are so deeply indebted to Past Grand High Priest Charles Lewis Patton.”

Decisions are rarely necessary if the Companion or Chapter asking would consult the Constitution and decisions of former Grand High Priests, but as a rule it is easier to throw the responsibility on the Grand High Priest.

He constituted two new Chapters and made fourteen visitations.

All will approve his closing:

“As Masons we all stand for and support our Great and Glorious Country, and as Masons our voices should ever be raised in support of its Government and the great principles of Life, Happiness and Liberty. As Masons no less than as Americans our emblem is the Flag and our motto—Liberty.

“Let all Masons stand with hearts and hands united—united in the task that Liberty shall not only blazon from our own standards, but also from those of the civilized world.”

He made three recommendations, one of which was to amend the Constitution to make the minimum fee for initiation ten dollars. The Committee on Jurisprudence returned it without recommendation. The report was not adopted. An amendment making it twenty dollars was lost. The minimum fee for the Capitular Degrees should never be less than thirty dollars.

The Grand Secretary's report shows the present membership to be thirteen thousand eight hundred and sixteen (13,816), an increase of two hundred and eight (208) during the year.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the assets of Grand Chapter to be seventy-four thousand and fifty-one and 38/100 dollars (\$74,051.38).

The Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by the officers of Sacramento Chapter, No. 2. The work met the approval of Grand Officers and members of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Lecturer made forty-four visitations, and found the subordinate Chapters in flourishing condition.

The report of the Committee on New Temple shows the cost of New Masonic Temple at San Francisco to be one million one hundred and thirteen thousand six hundred and fifty-six and 37/100 dollars (\$1,113,656.37).

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

“Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, in its Sixty-third Annual Convocation assembled, in the city of Sacramento, hereby endorses without reserve the Government of the United States in its action to uphold the honor of our beloved country in the present world crisis and to secure freedom and peace to all nations.”

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. The recommendation was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared by Companion CHARLES ALBERT ADAMS. It is a departure from the time-honored custom of giving each jurisdiction a separate review, commenting on their actions. This report is a general review of Capitular Masonry. It strikes us with much force. He intimates Committees on Correspondence have outlived their usefulness. Doubtless the present system is subject to criticism, but to the Masonic student it furnishes a method of obtaining information of Capitular Masonry not otherwise obtainable, as few have access to State reports.

The following in reference to reports of Grand High Priests:

“The reports of the Grand High Priests, for instance, are with a few notable exceptions devoted to the number of visitations made, and to the manner in which the degrees are conferred, with an occasional reference to a decision of more or less, and generally less, importance. Now, while it is true that the Masonic character is not complete without a knowledge of those valuable treasures which are brought to light only in the Royal Arch Degree, the average Mason, and particularly the man worth while, wants something more than ritualism; neither will symbolism content him; and there must be provided something more than he has yet been offered. Here and there, however, appears a promise of better things; and I note an occasional reference to the growth of the realization that Royal Arch Masonry ‘must advance with our modern civilization and lift not only ourselves, but the outside world, into new realms of usefulness’; and that ‘if we are to continue progressing, reliance must not be based upon what we have been or on our tenets, but we must rise to new conditions and the needs of the world.’ ”

We recommend his views on the display of our flag (the American flag) in Lodges and Chapters.

“The growing custom of displaying the Flag in Lodge and Chapter has been the occasion of considerable comment and discussion. By some

it has been condemned as an innovation that should be discountenanced; but generally speaking, the idea has been very favorably commented upon, and not only defended as not objectionable, but commended as being an exemplification of that patriotism absolutely essential to Masonic character.

“If there is any good reason why the American Flag should not be displayed at any assembly of American Masons, I have failed to discover it, unless it be in the manner in which the display is sometimes made. The expedient of hiding the ugliness of a pine table, or two soap boxes, by draping over them the American Flag upon which is placed the pitcher of water for the public speaker is one to which we Americans have grown so accustomed that it occasions no comment; but it is not a glorifying use of that upon which we look lovingly and reverently as an emblem of all that we hold highest and dearest. Neither is it appropriately used when draped over the altar in a Masonic Lodge, even though there be placed thereon only the Holy Writings—to say nothing of the objections that might be made from a purely Masonic standpoint.

“But wherever and however the Flag may be displayed, we ought never to lose sight of the fact that it is after all only an emblem, and, like our Masonic emblems, symbolizes service and sacrifice. The time is now upon us when among the sacrifices to be made is that of ideas and opinions we may have heretofore held and expressed. In time of peace an individual may contend for a belief justified by his own conscience. In time of war his duty, symbolized by the Flag, is to sacrifice his individual opinion to the will of the majority expressed by the constituted authorities. Fortunately for us the services we are required to render and the sacrifices we may be called upon to make are not only for the glory of our Country, but as well for Humanity, Justice and Right.”

The report is certainly able, interesting and instructive.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion CASIMIR J. WOOD, adorns the first page.

M. E. Companion EDWARD BYRON SPENCER was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. Companion THOMAS A. DAVIS re-elected Grand Secretary. Both were installed.

W. B. M.

CANADA.

The Grand Chapter of Canada held two Convocations since our last report.

An emergent Convocation was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Toronto, on Tuesday, September 12, 1916.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M. by M. E. Companion W. S. R. MURCH, Grand Z. The various stations and places were in most cases filled by acting officers. A constitutional number of Chapters were represented.

The object of the meeting, as stated by the Grand Scribe E., was to hear the report of the Grand Z. in reference to the adjustment of difficulties with the Grand Chapter of Alberta. After the report was made, full discussion was held and the following resolution adopted:

“The Grand Chapter of Alberta be forthwith recognized, as an independent Grand Body, on having expressed its regret, because it had not made a request for its formation, and that the Grand First Principal be requested to establish fraternal relationship with the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

“The Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada do express and record upon the minutes of this emergent Convocation, their deep sense of appreciation of the assiduous and devoted labors of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, W. S. R. Murch, in connection with the Alberta difficulties, now happily ended, and they desire to pay a warm tribute to his unselfish sacrifice of time and energy, and to his untiring efforts in the cause of Capitular Masonry in conciliating the differences causing misunderstandings, and bringing about harmony and concord.”

Grand Chapter was then closed in *Ample Form*.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held in the Masonic Hall, in the city of Toronto, on Wednesday, February 28, 1917.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M. by M. E. Companion W. S. R. MURCH, Grand Z. All stations and places were filled. One hundred and twelve Chapters were represented.

Distinguished visitors were announced as follows: R. E. Companion J. WILLIAM PROUSE, Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, and R. E. Companion WILLIAM STANTON, M. D., Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada near the Grand Chapter of New York. They were welcomed, and received the Grand Honors.

The roll of Grand Representatives was called. A large number answered their names, among them Pennsylvania's Representative, R. E. Companion H. S. GRIFFIN, M. D.

The Grand Z. presented his address. In opening he shows what the Dominion has done in the world-wide war as follows:

"I am again permitted, at the close of another Royal Craft year of this Grand Body to bid you welcome to our Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation. Since we met last year the fearful war conflict, in which the British Empire is engaged, has raged with unabated fury. Our great Dominion has increased its active military forces to four hundred thousand men, a war loan of over two hundred million dollars has been over-subscribed, millions have been given for charitable purposes, and the citizens of this loyal Canadian British City of Toronto subscribed in a four-days' cam-

paign three and one-third millions of dollars for Red Cross and charitable work. While other parts of the world are suffering, the G. A. O. T. U. has kept the people of this country from hunger, want and distress.”

He announces that peace and harmony prevail in the Jurisdiction; that the difficulties with the Grand Chapter of Alberta have been amicably adjusted and that fraternal relations have been established. He recommends what he terms a moral duty.

“I also feel that a moral duty rests on this Grand Body, and that the Chapters now joining with the Grand Chapter of Alberta should not go in empty handed, and that this Grand Chapter should pay to the Grand Chapter of Alberta one thousand dollars, say five hundred dollars at the end of 1917, and five hundred dollars at the close of 1918.”

Certainly a generous recommendation.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of three new Chapters; also a number for other Masonic purposes.

Five rulings or decisions were made, all of which are satisfactory for Canada.

He made an extended trip, covering a large portion of the Jurisdiction, going as far west as Vancouver and Winnipeg, visiting many Chapters. He was cordially welcomed and royally entertained.

He favors one Grand Chapter for the great Dominion of Canada and Provincial Grand Chapters for each province. The following is his language:

“I am more impressed than I was last year, when I referred in my address to the advisability of the formation of Provincial Grand Chapters, that there should be only one Grand Chapter for this Great Dominion, and

a Provincial Body for each Province. While British Statesmen are advocating for a United Empire, with a central or controlling Body, we are conceiving the idea of lopping off piece by piece, from a General Body, and instead of becoming unified into one great whole, are being impressed with the idea that greatness altogether depends upon provincialism."

He urges holding the yearly meetings of Grand Chapter at various places in the Jurisdiction. While we don't believe in migrating Grand Bodies, yet in a Jurisdiction covering such a large extent of territory it might be well to do so.

Thirteen official visitations were made.

Under the head of "Not Sound Business," he pays his respects to small Chapter dues as follows:

"NOT SOUND BUSINESS

"In reviewing the Statistical Tables from the Chapters, I notice the dues are not high, and when you total the amounts spent by the Chapters for rent, light and refreshments, and divide that by the number of members in the Chapters, each member is receiving in value more than his dues amount to, and the Chapters are depending on candidates' fees to make up the deficiency. I do not think this is a good or sound business policy."

He certainly has sound ideas on the subject of dues. They should be met with the approval of all. The Committee on Grand High Priest's Address endorses his views in the following language:

"Your Committee agree with the views expressed by the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, that if we wish to maintain our financial condition it will be prudent to increase the per capita tax in order to meet our obligations."

The reports of the twenty-five Grand Superintendents are full and complete. To obtain a correct

knowledge of Capitular Masonry in Canada these reports must be read. There are still three subordinate Chapters within the territory claimed by the Grand Chapter of Alberta that remain loyal and owe allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The report of the Grand Scribe E. is interesting and instructive. He says something in reference to Scribes E. which should be read by our Secretaries.

“The Scribes E. are beginning to realize, at least, a majority of them, that exactness in little duties becomes a wonderful source of cheerfulness. A few of them require to be reminded that promptitude is not only a duty, but is also a part of good manners, and a little attention and energy will form the habit of promptness so as to make it easy and delightful for Companions to do business one with the other.”

He shows the present membership to be eighteen thousand nine hundred and eighty-two (18,982), a loss of one hundred and ninety-seven during the year, due to the formation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, yet the year was a prosperous one.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the assets of the Grand Chapter to be thirty-six thousand three hundred and thirty-seven and $93/100$ dollars (\$36,337.93).

The report of the Committee on Capitular Masonry shows the subordinate Chapters, as a rule, to be in a flourishing condition, although the attendance is not as large as formerly, due to serious conditions.

The Committee on Grand Z.'s address thus speaks of the conditions prevailing in the Jurisdiction:

“That harmony now prevails in this Jurisdiction is a matter of congratulation. That war is still raging in Europe and elsewhere, drawing from our Empire so great a sacrifice of life and money, is depressing. Still, out of evil may spring some compensation, so great a trial of service and sacrifice will make the sons and daughters of the Empire more virile, stronger in character and in the practice of all that leads to higher citizenship, and better Masonry will be the result.”

An engraving of the newly installed Grand Z., M. E. Companion ARTHUR S. GORRELL, is found on the first page.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared by Companion EDWARD B. BROWN. We are accorded a courteous review.

M. E. Companion A. S. GORRELL was elected Grand Z. and R. E. Companion HENRY T. SMITH re-elected Grand Scribe E. Both were installed.

W. B. M.

COLORADO.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado held its Forty-third Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Denver, on Thursday, September 20, 1917.

Grand Chapter was opened at ten o'clock A. M. by M. E. Companion JAMES R. KILLIAN, Grand High Priest. All Grand Chapter Officers were present, and Representatives of all but four Chapters of the Jurisdiction; also sixteen Past Grand High Priests were present.

The Grand High Priest welcomed the Representatives of the various Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Colorado. The response on the part of the Representatives was by Companion WILLIAM D. TODD, in an eloquent address. We quote:

“It would seem certainly unnecessary to make any extended reference to the conditions now existing, not only in our country, but throughout the world, and yet it is a sad and pressing stern reality to us all. Not a Chapter in our broad land that will not have absent members; some, the Lord only knows how many, will never be with us again, the simple record being ‘*dead*, somewhere in France.’ But, Most Excellent Companions, Masons are good men and true, loyal to their country, and where duty calls, there we go; so whate’er the future may bring us, how many mothers and fathers will with bleeding hearts mourn for those who have gone never to return, we must ‘follow the flag,’ and with our lives, if need be, help to hand down to posterity the heritage which came to us, and grasp with a warmer grip the hand of him upon whom the blow has been the hardest, and, more especially and important, keep in close touch with those near and dear, who, alone and sorrowing, are watching, hoping and waiting for the return of their absent ones, and extend to them not only our love and sympathy, but material aid wherever and whenever it may be needed. As has been said, sorrow makes all the world akin, so in a greater degree should it be in our Masonic circles.”

The Grand High Priest delivered his address. It is lengthy, able and truly Masonic, one of the best we have ever read. We give portions of the introduction:

“While we are thus gathered today, primarily for the transaction of the business pertaining to the Forty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado, it is my desire that our labors shall not be unmixed with the joy that has uniformly characterized these recurring occasions. It is here that we may enjoy those most pleasurable associations which we, as Royal Arch Masons, experience in meeting and greeting those of the household of the faith, true Companions in the pilgrimage along the way toward the higher and better things of life. Into this delightful fellowship it is my privilege and pleasure to welcome each of you most cordially, and to express the hope that this may be not only an occasion for the performance of duty as required by our regulations, but that it may also prove to be in reality a season of refreshing,

a day of strengthening to those whose minds are open to the reception of truth, and whose hearts are filled with desire to serve.

“The history of our race proves that man has been constantly moving towards a higher plane of thought, action and being. It is by the widening of his vision that he is thus enabled to make steady advancement. Let us believe in humanity. Let us exercise faith in our fellow man. Let us cherish confidence in his good purposes and an abiding hope for his still greater achievements and attainments.”

Again from the introduction:

“Every individual Mason may adorn his life with Prudence, Temperance, Fortitude, Justice and Tolerance. I wish to add only a word regarding the spirit of toleration, because of the appallingly frequent lack of its exercise. I think that the most disappointing and discouraging experience that comes to man is having to do with narrow-minded, intolerant people. Recognition should be given to the important fact that we are, individually, differently constituted, of different types and temperaments, and even form different estimates of moral standards. Of the myriads of leaves of the forests, of the innumerable grains of sand upon the seashore, of the springing spires of grass in the fields, on the mountains and the plains; no two will be found precisely alike. So of the countless millions of earth, no two minds are cast in the same intellectual mold. Each is naturally inclined to view a situation from his own standpoint. We must be broad enough, and tolerant enough, to meet sensibly and reasonably such individual inclination.

“The great purpose of every individual, more especially those who have come into the light and knowledge of Masonry, should be to contribute his part to the uplift; toward extending the horizon of human life; toward the removal of its limitations. How this may be done must be determined by each individual, as he rests under the conviction that the great dynamic force of the universe is thought, and the great uplifting power is love.”

He granted six dispensations for various purposes. He made twenty-six visitations. He also accepted an invitation of the “San Luis Valley Masonic Association” to attend its annual meeting at Masonic Park and participate in the programme for St. John’s Day. He speaks of it as follows:

“The occasion was a rare one in that there were present a large number of Masons with members of their families from that section of the State, and quite a number of distinguished guests from various parts of the State, as well as from without the State, including Hon. George F. Moore, of Washington City, Sovereign Grand Commander of the A. & A. S. R., of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. It afforded me an opportunity to meet the officers and members of San Luis Valley Chapter No. 18, Alamosa, and Del Norte Chapter No. 43, Del Norte, under most pleasant auspices.”

In summing up his visitations he says:

“These visitations were without exception characterized by utmost good feeling and mutual fraternal regard. Every attention and personal courtesy was extended to me wherever I had opportunity to visit; entertainments, banquets, refreshments in more than generous provision awaited me, and, better still, the hearty, personal welcome from loyal and zealous Companions everywhere. For these manifestations of interest in the representative of the Craft for the time being and the contributions to my personal comfort and enjoyment I now make full acknowledgment and express my unreserved thanks.”

He refers to the “Condition of the Royal Craft within our borders,” showing the increase in membership to be three hundred and forty-four; but what is more grateful to him is that “not only does prosperity sit by our gates, but peace dwells within our walls,” harmony prevails in the Chapters and the relations between the various Chapters of the Jurisdiction are delightfully fraternal.

His conclusion is beautiful. It unfolds the true purpose of Masonry.

“I desire to direct your attention briefly to the great purpose of what we term Capitular Masonry. Passing the Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master Degrees, each of which has a lesson worthy of our appropriation, we come to the Royal Arch Degree, which is, indeed, the crowning degree of Ancient Craft Masonry. Accepting the great truths

of the Royal Arch Degree as they are sought to be impressed, we cannot be convinced other than that Ancient Craft Masonry begins with God and ends with Him. He is the Alpha and Omega of it. Whatever degree the Mason may attain, he has to do with God and His wonderful works. Be assured, therefore, that Masonry is the handmaid of religion.

“An attitude of true reverence and devotion should characterize every earnest Mason. David, who, as a shepherd lad, never knew a harsher tone than a flute note; he who became a warrior, poet, statesman and king; a man after God’s own heart, prayed as follows: ‘Preserve me, O God; for in Thee do I put my trust. Thou wilt show me the path of life; in Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand are pleasures evermore.’

“If I interpret the teachings of the Royal Arch Degree properly, its greatest purpose is the exaltation of the name of Diety among the sons of men. We are taught to worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—the Unchanging One, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. By the inculcation of the teachings of this division of Ancient Craft Masonry, it is sought pre-eminently to reveal to us something more of the attributes of the All-Father, and thus heighten our appreciation of those things most pleasing to Him, whose name is above every other name, and whose ways are righteous altogether.”

The Grand Treasurer’s report shows the assets of Grand Chapter to be eighteen thousand four hundred and thirty-six and 91/100 dollars (\$18,436.91).

The Grand Secretary’s report shows the receipts and expenditures of Grand Chapter, and the membership of Grand Chapter to be six thousand and eighty-six (6086), an increase of three hundred and forty-four (344) during the year.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Victoria. The report was adopted by Grand Chapter.

A Past High Priest’s jewel was presented to the retiring Grand High Priest by Past Grand High

Priest WILLIAM A. CAMPBELL. M. E. Companion KILLIAN accepted the jewel and paid a glowing tribute to his home State.

An engraving of the present Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion WILLIAM S. PICKERILL, adorns the first page.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is again prepared by the senior member of the correspondence corps, M. E. Companion ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER. It is his thirtieth report. As usual, it is able. We are accorded a complimentary review. In speaking of the meeting of the General Grand Chapter in 1918, says it is only a step from Washington to Philadelphia to come down; may take him at his word.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM S. PICKERILL was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. Companion CHARLES H. JACOBSON was elected Grand Secretary. Both were installed.

W. B. M.

CONNECTICUT.

The members of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons met in their One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Hartford, on Thursday, May 8, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion BURTON L. TUTTLE, opened Grand Chapter at ten o'clock A. M. All Grand Officers, except the Grand King, were present. Thirty-eight Chapters were represented. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests were present.

Immediately after opening of Grand Chapter, a number of distinguished visitors were introduced, among them being M. E. Companion C. WESLEY ORR, Grand High Priest of New York, accompanied by a number of members of his Grand Chapter; M. E. Companion FREDERICK T. CRANE, Grand High Priest of New Jersey, and R. E. Companion WATERMAN S. C. RUSSELL, Deputy Grand High Priest of Massachusetts; also M. E. Companion GEORGE E. CORSON, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. All were received with Grand Honors, escorted to the East and welcomed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion GEORGE E. CORSON addressed Grand Chapter, from which we quote:

“It is with feelings of pride and gratification that I am here with you today and have the pleasing privilege of looking into your faces, of taking you by the hand and receiving your words of greeting and welcome. The one great pleasure that comes to the General Grand High Priest in the discharge of the duties of his office is the privilege he has of going among his Companions in the several Jurisdictions, of meeting and becoming acquainted with the representative Royal Arch Masons in the several States of our Union, and mingling with them when they come together in their Annual Convocations. Many friendships are formed which serve to brighten life's pathway, and make less rough and rugged the roads he has to travel in pursuit of the objects it is necessary for him to achieve for the welfare and good of the craft.”

Again we quote his reference to Freemasonry:

“What of the hour in Freemasonry, my Companions? From reports that come to me from various sources, Freemasonry is a living force that is being accelerated, quickened and made more potent for good as the years come and go. The ranks of our great Brotherhood are being swollen and expanded by unsolicited offerings of men of every creed and of all honorable professions. The sublime principles taught in our Lodges are taking root in the minds and hearts of those who are uniting with us in our work of beneficence, and in the service we as Masons are trying to render for the benefit of our fellowmen.

“Royal Arch Masonry is having an important part in this good work. The Chapters are thriving, their membership is increasing, and as their ranks grow in numbers so will their influence and power for the benefit of humanity be multiplied and rendered more serviceable and efficient.”

In speaking of the European war he says:

“As I have said on other similar occasions, we cannot sit here in this Chapter Chamber, where all is peace and harmony and where brotherly love prevails, and be unmindful of, nor unconcerned in, what is going on in the world outside of this sacred retreat. War, the world’s greatest scourge, humanity’s greatest foe, has been devastating for nearly three years the fair lands of Europe, and peace no longer smiles upon our fair land. Because of outrages unmitigated and atrocities unparalleled, and after waiting and hoping for their cessation with a patience unsurpassed, our nation is again marshalling its hosts on land and sea, fabricating huge engines of warfare, and making ready to fight for liberty and humanity, and to uphold the honor of its flag. Our country stands for those things for which we as Masons contend, justice, humanity, right. Therein Masonry and patriotism go hand in hand. The flag of our country which symbolizes the sovereignty and power of our nation, and the banner of the Royal Arch, which symbolizes to us friendship, union, fervency and zeal and purity of life and conduct, both demand, and both should alike receive, our fealty and support. But, my Companions, it is not of strife and contention that I have come to you to speak, but of that peace and harmony and brotherly love, which we practice, I hope, as well as preach, and of all those other things which make our Order great, and stimulates and strengthens us in the noble work of building the City of Peace and of Brotherhood.”

It was certainly an appropriate address.

The Grand High Priest presented his Annual Address. It is thoroughly businesslike; covers fully his doings as Grand High Priest.

The condition of Capitular Masonry in the Jurisdiction is shown by the following:

“Peace, harmony, prosperity and cordiality have been the chief characteristics of my experience among the Companions of Connecticut, and gradually as I visited Chapter after Chapter it has been impressed deeply upon me the true love and loyalty that exist among Royal Arch Masons.”

Two decisions were made, both of which are good sense and good Masonic law.

He recommends a special meeting of Grand Chapter for the exemplification of one degree; correct as far as he goes, but why not make it all the degrees? It will work wonders in securing uniformity in the work. We have a degree exemplified at each Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter.

He made but few visitations during the year, but the four years he served as a Grand Chapter officer he visited every Chapter in the Jurisdiction.

He devised a plan recording the proficiency in the work, records, etc., closing with the percentage of attendance. The plan is novel, but will require some changes before it becomes popular.

The Grand King, Rev. R. E. Companion JAMES H. GEORGE, died January 18, 1917.

The reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand Scribe are a review of their visits to subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of five thousand two hundred and twenty-nine and 46/100 dollars (\$5229.46).

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the present membership to be ten thousand one hundred and seventy-three (10,173), a gain of three hundred and ninety-three (393) during the year.

The Grand Chapter of Alberta was recognized upon the recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is again presented by Past Grand High Priest GEORGE A. KIES. It is able and a valuable addition to Capitular Masonry.

We are accorded a courteous review.

In reference to the installation of a High Priest in this Jurisdiction, the order of High Priesthood is part of the installation service.

There is so much of interest in his report that we would like to have portions read in every Chapter in Pennsylvania. There are a number of instances in which he quotes from other jurisdictions under "Idaho." He quotes from the Grand High Priest's address as follows:

“I am pleased to report to you that Capitular Masonry is gradually increasing in our Jurisdiction, having made a gain of 80 Companions for the year. The total membership now is 1339, and I would urge you at this time to always further the interest of the Royal Craft and never neglect to invite a worthy brother Master Mason to receive a part in that most sublime degree, the Royal Arch, and thus become the possessor of that which every good Mason seeks—the long-lost Master’s word.”

This should be valuable information for those who claim that they get all there is in Freemasonry above the Master Mason’s Degree when they take the so-called higher degrees.

Under Colorado he quotes from Missouri, as follows:

“The system of taking Masonic candidates in large classes through the work should be condemned. The work loses its impressiveness. It becomes a mere matter of show or form. A lot of persons, without gaining Masonic knowledge, but by permission, are allowed to call themselves Masons of this or that degree, and Masonry is distorted into club features, entertainments, smokers and banquets, until the grand principles of our noble art are lost, and the high ideals formerly instilled into the mind of the initiates are no longer the *desideratum* to be attained. Numbers, not quality, is the object sought, and that which is looked upon by some as a great gain and strengthening of the institution is in reality its undoing and its undermining. Instead of elevating other institutions, we are descending to their level, dragged down by the inordinate love of self, pleasure, ostentation, numbers and even the attainment of wealth, instead of exercises of the true Masonic tenets: brotherly love, relief and truth. In fine, we are pessimistic as to the future of our Institution unless we turn from worshipping false gods.”

This accords with our views and should meet the approval of every Mason. Knowledge is what is or, at least, should be sought in Freemasonry, but can never be obtained in the manner above referred to.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest is found on the first page.

M. E. Companion EDWARD W. AVERY was elected Grand High Priest and M. E. Companion JAMES McCORMICK was re-elected Grand Secretary. Both were installed.

M. E. Companion JAMES McCORMICK died June 24, 1917. M. E. Companion GEORGE A. KIES was appointed to succeed him.

W. B. M.

DELAWARE.

On the seventeenth day of January, 1917, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware met in their Forty-seventh Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Wilmington.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Full and Ample Form* at four o'clock P. M. by the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion JOHN W. MACKLEM. All Grand Officers were present and representatives of the four subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction.

Two distinguished visitors were present, M. E. Companion HENRY DE WITT HAMILTON, General Grand Master Third Vail of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and M. E. Companion WILLIAM HERBERT LOWE, Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. They were separately introduced, welcomed by the Grand High Priest and accorded the honors due their exalted rank.

The Grand High Priest's address is a full and complete review of all his actions as the head of the Grand Chapter. In welcoming the members he uses the following language:

“COMPANIONS:—I most heartily welcome you to this the Forty-ninth Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, and thank the ‘Great I AM’ that under His protection and guidance we have been privileged during the past twelve months and for many years previous to breathe the air of this glorious country in peace and free from the clouds of war. I sympathize with our Companions in the war-stricken countries of Europe, and pray that the ‘God of Peace’ will soon free them from the fetters of war, and restore those who are still alive, to their homes and families.”

It is a happy and peaceful Jurisdiction, as is indicated by his language:

“It is a pleasure and a great satisfaction to report that throughout this Jurisdiction we have enjoyed prosperity, peace and harmony during the year, nothing occurring to even suggest the slightest discord among the Royal Craft.”

No decisions were made, which he attributes to the familiarity of the officers with the laws of the Jurisdiction.

But two dispensations were granted.

He recommends the issuing by subordinate Chapters an annual certificate of membership, the card being prepared by Grand Chapter. We regard this with favor, as it will do away with the receipt of payment of dues.

He makes a suggestion that visitors to a Chapter be required to have their credentials, i. e., their

receipt for dues, examined once a year. This is a step in the right direction, as many Lodges are imposed upon by visitors.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the receipts of the year to have been eight hundred and nineteen and 62/100 dollars (\$819.62).

The Grand Secretary's report shows the present membership to be twelve hundred and seventy-three (1273), a gain of fifty-one (51) during the year.

Reports were presented by all the standing Committees.

The Committee on Credentials submitted its report, recommending that the centennial of the organization of the Grand Chapter be celebrated on January 16, 1918. The recommendation was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Companion THOMAS J. DAY. It is his first report and is very acceptable. We receive a brief but courteous review.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest adorns the first page.

M. E. Companion GEORGE S. SCOTT was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. Companion STUART J. HORN was re-elected Grand Secretary. Both these were installed.

W. B. M.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Since our last report two Convocations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia have been held. A special Convocation was held on March 24, 1916. M. E. Companion WILLIAM C. FOWLER, Grand High Priest, presided. The purpose of the Convocation being to attend the funeral of R. E. Companion MARTIN R. THORP, Grand Treasurer from 1881 to 1912. After the funeral the Grand Chapter returned to the Masonic Hall, when Grand Chapter was closed in *Ample Form*.

The Fiftieth Annual Convocation was held on February 14, 1917, at the Masonic Temple, Washington.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M. by the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion WILLIAM C. FOWLER. All Grand Officers, except Grand Royal Arch Captain, were present. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests were present. All subordinate Chapters (thirteen in number) were represented. Among the Grand Representatives we note that Pennsylvania's Representative was present.

Distinguished visitors, M. W. Brother JAMES W. WITTEN, Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, and M. E. Companion MILTON J. HULL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, were welcomed.

M. E. Companion GEORGE EDGAR CORSON, General Grand High Priest, was accorded all the honors it

was possible to give him. He is a Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter and is decidedly popular with its members. He replied, expressing his appreciation of the honors accorded him.

The Grand High Priest read his address to Grand Chapter. He refers in fitting terms to the deaths of three Past Grand High Priests.

No decisions were made. All questions asked were answered by reference to the book of the law.

He granted but one dispensation to waive a portion of the constitutional period of residence. We like the disposition he made of a request to open a Chapter at an earlier hour than that named in the By-laws, as follows:

“February 17, 1916, I declined a request from the same Chapter for a dispensation to open the Chapter at a stated Convocation at an hour earlier than that named in its By-laws, believing that it is not within the dispensing power of the Grand High Priest to set aside the By-laws of a Chapter.”

The General Grand King, M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, visited the General Grand High Priest, and delivered an address in the Masonic Temple.

The Royal Arch Degree was conferred by the Grand Chapter Officers—an excellent example. Hope other Grand Chapters will do likewise. We have done it in this Jurisdiction.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, he made annual grand visitations to all sub-

ordinate Chapters. He compliments the proficiency of the work. He gives great credit to the Grand Visitor and Lecturer.

We quote his report on the "Condition of the Order":

"It is with no little pleasure that I can report a revival of interest in Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction. It has been my earnest endeavor to stimulate this renewal of interest, and I feel that my efforts have not altogether been in vain. I have devoted a good deal of time to visiting the various Chapters, and done everything in my power to promote the welfare of the Craft. I am pleased to report that the year just closed gives the Jurisdiction as a whole a net gain in membership of twenty. While this gain is small, it is encouraging, owing to the fact that the two previous years showed a net loss. The utmost good fellowship, peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the entire year, and I believe that the coming year will be a most prosperous one in all respects."

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of seven thousand six hundred and fourteen and 52/100 dollars (\$7614.52). The Trustees show the invested assets to be five thousand six hundred dollars (\$5600).

The Secretary's report shows the present membership to be thirty-five hundred and seventy-two (3572), a gain of twenty during the year.

Great preparations are being made for the entertainment of the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council in October, 1918. A fund of three thousand five hundred and seventeen dollars (\$3517) is already secured, which will be increased during the present year. The Committee proposes to make it

“One of the most successful, appropriate and creditable in the history of the General Grand Bodies.”

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared by Companion ROE FULKERSON. This is his seventh report. It is certainly an able report. All who read it will say nice things about it, and no doubt all who know the writer of the report will say the same of him. We are accorded a courteous review.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM W. JERMANE was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. Companion ARVINE W. JOHNSTON re-elected Grand Secretary. Both were installed.

W. B. M.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

We have received copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown for the Quarterly Communications of September 5 and December 5, 1916, and March 6, June 5 and September 4, 1917, held at Mark Masons' Hall, London, R. W. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, K. C., Deputy Grand Master, on the Throne at each meeting. The usual number of Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers were present. At each meeting Grand Lodge was opened in *Due Form*. The minutes were read by the Grand Secretary and confirmed.

The report of the General Board was presented by the President, V. U. Brother T. H. GARDNER, at each Communication, except that of June 5, 1917, which was presented by R. W. Brother A. J. THOMAS, Vice-President. The reports embrace about all the business that comes before Grand Lodge. We take it that all business that comes to Grand Lodge is first presented to the General Board and examined by the Committee and when presented to Grand Lodge is generally approved.

At the Quarterly Communication held December 5, 1916, His Royal Highness the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEAM was nominated as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Mark Master Masons for the ensuing year. At the Quarterly Communication of March 6, 1917, his re-election was proposed, and finally, at the Quarterly Communication held June 5, 1917, he was installed and proclaimed. Considerable red tape, but they have the right to conduct their affairs as they please. The surprising part of the service was that neither the Grand Master or Pro. Grand Master was present.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master announced the reappointment of the EARL OF STRADBROKE as Pro. Grand Master and himself as Deputy Grand Master by the Grand Master. Both were installed and proclaimed.

A large amount was distributed by the General Board from the benevolent fund for charitable purposes. They are liberal in their charity.

After the close of each Communication the patriotism of the members was manifested by the brethren joining in singing the National Anthem.

The assets of the Grand Lodge as shown by the Auditor are £11,146 12s. 8d.

W. B. M.

FLORIDA.

The Seventy-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Jacksonville, on Tuesday, May 15, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, with prayer by the acting Grand Chaplain.

A full complement of officers being present, except the Grand Chaplain, which position was filled by J. M. CALDWELL.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests, thirty-one constituent Chapters being represented and twenty-eight Grand Representatives present, Pennsylvania being represented by Companion LOUIS C. MASSEY, Past Grand High Priest.

Jacksonville Chapter No. 15, O. E. S., very graciously postponed its meeting, in order that the Grand Chapter could have the use of the Chapter room.

Pennsylvania does not recognize the O. E. S., and they cannot meet in the Masonic Temple. Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, Royal Arch Masons, entertained the officers and members with their ladies.

The Grand High Priest in his address says:

“Almost the entire world is in a state of war. War, the like of which in death and destruction passes the comprehension of the human mind. Governments of the world, long established, are tottering on their foundations.

“The great principles which the President enumerates, are principles of a Royal Arch Mason.”

This subject seems to be the all-important one at the present time.

He mentions the death of Past Grand High Priest SAMUEL PASCO, who served as Grand Master and Grand High Priest, presided over the Florida Constitutional Convention and served in the Senate of the United States, and pays tribute to thirty of their own Jurisdiction, as well as to Past Grand High Priests from sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The work of the several degrees, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch, were exemplified under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

The Past Master Degree is not conferred in the Chapters of Pennsylvania.

The membership to December 1, 1916, is twenty-seven hundred and forty, being a net increase of one hundred and eighty-two.

The Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$11,244.60.

A recommendation was made that a committee of three or more, skilled in the work, who would hold a three days' meeting at four or five points in the State, where conventions or schools of instruction could be held, resulted in the Committee on Jurisprudence presenting the following:

“That Regulation 28 be amended to read: This Grand Jurisdiction shall be divided into four districts, and one of these districts shall annually be assigned by the Grand High Priest to each of the four highest elective officers of this Grand Chapter, whose duty it shall be to make an official visit to each of the Chapters in his district at least once during the year. They may hold district conventions in lieu of such visits, or both, as they may deem expedient.”

This is a step in the right direction. It will create a greater interest in Capitular Masonry and uniformity of work and result in a larger gain in membership.

Peace and harmony reigns throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, as no grievances were presented to that Committee.

Companion ELY P. HUBBELL reviewed the proceedings from other Grand Jurisdictions in a masterly way, but under the heading Pennsylvania he has “PORTER W. LONG, Grand High Priest.” Well, Companion LOWRY is long, being over six feet high.

He quotes from the Grand High Priest's address upon his action in healing the exaltation of eight candidates by one Chapter in less than four weeks from the date of conferring the Mark Degree. Companion

LOWRY, while a strict disciplinarian, has a large heart within his breast.

Companion HUBBELL will have as his co-workers on the Committee on Correspondence Companions OLIN S. WRIGHT and L. C. MASSEY.

The writer is making his initial bow to Companion HUBBELL, having succeeded P. H. P. Companion A. G. C. SMITH. Perhaps Companion SMITH is thinking about accepting that invitation to come to Florida.

Chapters, 35; membership, 2740; gain, 181.

DABNEY B. PALMER, M. E. Grand High Priest.

WILBUR P. WEBSTER, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. L. M.

GEORGIA.

The Ninety-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Georgia, met in the Convention Hall of Dempsey's Hotel, Macon, on Wednesday, April 25, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447.

The Grand High Priest, assisted by the officers and members present, opened a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in *Ample Form*.

The reading of the minutes and roll call being dispensed with, the name of M. E. Companion J. W. TAYLOR, Past General Grand High Priest, was called,

who arose and announced that this was the fiftieth consecutive Convocation of the Grand Chapter that he had attended.

He was presented with a beautiful watch and chain as a token of love and esteem from his Companions.

Congratulations, Companion TAYLOR. It is indeed an honor, and may your life be spared to attend many more Convocations.

The photographs of Companions SHELL and TAYLOR would have made a valuable addition to the annual proceedings.

Among the distinguished Past Grand High Priests present were M. E. Companion HENRY BANKS, one of the officers of the General Grand Chapter, and M. E. Companion F. O. MILLER, the present Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Georgia.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest's report is a general review of his proceedings during the year. It is a well-written and able address, containing many thoughts worthy of emulation.

We quote the following:

“Beneath our symbolic emblems we behold the mystic words, Morality, Virtue, Justice, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. The tenets of Freemasonry reveal to us the all important lessons of life, and the Great Light upon our Holy Altar shines brightly above the path of duty.”

Six visitations were made during the year. Four Chapters being more than two years behind with their

dues and five Chapters in which he recommends either that the charter be arrested or transferred to a new location.

In his conclusion he says:

“Masonic history reaches back almost to the dawn of civilization, but Masonic ideals are instinctive in the lives and thoughts of all good men, in all ages, in all times, and in all civilizations of all the non-sectarian and non-partisan institutions which have arisen in the world. Masonry has taught through more than twenty centuries the Sublime doctrines of God’s Fatherhood, and the inspiring doctrine of Man’s Brotherhood. He who first enters at the door of any great Fraternity does so with the solemn statement that he sincerely desires to render service to others. This is the reason that Masonry has lived and blessed the world. And this is the reason Masonry will live and bless as long as the planets shall follow their orbits in the universe of God.

“Let us, therefore, Companions, dedicate ourselves to service and sacrifice for our fellowmen with supreme confidence that in doing so we will exalt our own spirits, and contribute to the happiness of the world.”

Committee on Jurisprudence:

“We disapprove the recommendation of the Grand High Priest that Grand High Priests have power to arbitrarily transfer the charter of a Chapter; and we also disagree to recommendations made by the Grand High Priest to divide the State into four divisions, and assign them to the four officers whose duty it shall be to visit the Chapters in their respective divisions, and make report to the Grand High Priest to be incorporated in his annual address.”

Pennsylvania’s District Deputy Grand High Priests perform similar service.

The Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer, Companion E. A. McHAN, is a very busy man, as shown from the following:

Under his report as Grand Secretary, he has changed the system of the office, and shows that there

are 156 Chapters, with a total membership of 9842, a gain of 535 during the year.

As Grand Lecturer he states:

“Capitular Masonry in Georgia today will compare favorably with any of our sister Jurisdictions. During the year I have made more than one hundred and fifty (150) visitations, to more than eighty-five (85) different Chapters, and have attended more than fifty other meetings, including the different district conventions and Grand Bodies.

“I have assisted in conferring the Mark Master’s Degree on three hundred and fifteen (315) candidates; the Past Master’s on 330; the Most Excellent Master’s on 400; and the Royal Arch on 460. During the year I have made talks as Grand Lecturer, including lectures given at the conferring of degrees, on fully 200 different occasions, and have addressed at least 5000 Masons.

“The proposed schedule provides for 216 meetings. Possibly two-thirds of these trips can be made advantageously in a car, and the use of a car would enable me to visit different places that have made application for Chapters and other places without losing any time from regular meetings.”

Give him a car and throw in a chauffeur.

The Treasurer’s report shows the finances to be in a healthy condition, with a balance of \$13,862.33, with an estimated expense of \$7905.

Two pages are set aside in memory of our departed Companions, one page for those of Georgia and the other for sister Jurisdictions.

A tabular statement of subordinate Chapters for 1917, a list of Past Grand Officers from 1822 to 1917 is followed by a list of Chapters whose charters have been forfeited since the organization of Grand Chapter to date.

The writer makes his initial bow to the Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Companion CHARLES L. BASS, who reviews forty-eight proceedings in such an able manner.

THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Grand High Priest.

E. A. McHAN, Grand Secretary.

J. L. M.

IDAHO.

The Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Idaho was convened in the Masonic Temple, city of Boise, on Monday, May 15, A. D. 1916, A. I. 2446.

The Grand Scribe and Grand Chaplain noted as being absent.

The Grand Chapter being opened in *Ample Form* by M. E. Grand High Priest HORTON F. KIMBALL, assisted by the Grand Officers and members present.

Three Chapters not being represented.

The Grand High Priest's address was a resume of his doings during the year.

Quoted from the address:

“Five dispensations were granted.

“Five visitations were made.

“As the Chapters in our Grand Jurisdiction are so widely scattered, it is next to impossible for your Grand High Priest to visit them all. I

would therefore suggest dividing the State into four districts, to be visited and inspected by the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, the itinerary of each to be arranged by the Grand High Priest, and the local expense to be borne by the Chapter visited.”

This was adopted by Grand Chapter with the proviso, “Where it appears necessary the Grand High Priest may appoint some other member of the Grand Chapter to visit any one of said districts.”

The Grand Secretary states:

“The delay in getting out the proceedings of the Seventh Annual Convocation was entirely due to my slowness in preparing the review of the proceedings of other Jurisdictions. I have not the time to attend to that part of the work another year, and respectfully request that some other Companion be selected to make the review.”

Why not refer it to a Committee on Correspondence?

The Committee on Necrology in its report states:

“We report the names of fourteen (14) Companions who no longer can answer the roll call here on earth.

“We mourn with the Chapters of this and of the Grand Jurisdictions in which our departed Companions held membership.”

A particularly sad occurrence marred the proceedings. Companion HENRY C. OLNEY, E. Grand Principal Sojourner, who arose to accept a token of friendship and esteem presented by his Companions, said:

“The doctor cautioned me before leaving Spokane that I should not attempt the trip, that it would be a miracle if I reached Boise, and another miracle if I returned.”

During the course of his remarks he faltered, called for a glass of water and fell into the arms of one of

his Companions. Dead? No, not dead; but gone before.

An excellent tribute to his memory was delivered by Companion REV. FRANK M. JOHNSON, JR.

The report shows a total of 19 chartered Chapters, with a total membership of 1442, being a net gain of 103 for the year.

The Grand Lecturer presented an oral report, in which he stated:

“As there was no fund at hand for his expenses in visiting the Chapters or for providing any system of instruction or inspection, he had been unable to visit any Chapters in the State other than his own.”

The following resolution was passed:

“That a per capita tax of twenty-five cents be levied annually for a Triennial Fund, and that the sum thus raised be used to cover the expense of the Grand High Priest, the Grand Lecturer and the Grand Secretary in attending the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter to be held in the City of Washington, D. C. in 1918.”

Would it not be well to use a portion of it to cover the expense of the Grand Lecturer for instruction to the subordinate Chapters?

The letters and documents from the Grand Chapter of Alberta, which had been referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, were laid on the table until the next Annual Convocation.

Peace, harmony and prosperity prevails, as not a single discordant note was reported to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

The Grand Chapter of Idaho declared "nonintercourse with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland of Royal Arch Masons until such time as the General Grand Chapter of the United States and the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland are together again on a friendly footing."

The report contains clippings from a number of Grand Chapters (Pennsylvania missing), giving the principal items of interest, and on the frontispiece is pictured the bright, intelligent and pleasing face of the M. E. Grand High Priest, HORTON F. KIMBALL, 1915-1916.

THOMAS W. FLEMING, M. E. Grand High Priest.

LEWIS W. ENSIGN, R. E. Grand Secretary, Boise.
J. L. M.

ILLINOIS.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois was convened in the Grand Ballroom of the La Salle Hotel, city of Chicago, on Thursday, October 25, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447, at ten o'clock A. M.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by the Grand High Priest, JAMES E. JEFFERS, the Grand Chaplain, H. E. NEFF, leading the devotions with a most appropriate prayer.

The Committee on Credentials reported a full complement of Grand Officers as being present, in addi-

tion to which there were fifteen Past Grand High Priests, thirty-three Representatives of Grand Chapters (Pennsylvania's being absent), twenty-five District Inspectors and four Grand Examiners.

A portion of the morning being devoted to the reception of distinguished guests.

The Grand High Priest in his address says:

“With a few slight exceptions, it becomes my privilege to report to you a year of the greatest progress and prosperity in the history of the institution, without so much as a suspicion of discord or trouble.”

He alludes to the Grand Chapter of Illinois as being the premier Grand Chapter, with a membership on June 30, 1917, of 45,737, being a net gain for the year of 2,147.

You may have passed your nearest rival, but keep your eye on Ohio, who is rapidly forging to the front. Numerical strength is not all that is to be desired. We must look to the future, and secure quality as well as quantity.

Six new Chapters were constituted and two instituted under dispensation.

The system of schools is to be commended, having named five different cities in which sessions of three days each were held.

We think this the only manner in which to secure uniformity of work, a most desirable objective.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the finances to be in a healthy condition, with a balance of \$26,076.94 on hand, and an invested fund of \$20,000.

Pennsylvania is reviewed by Brother GEORGE W. WARVELLE, who devotes about one-half a page to its consideration. This is not in the nature of a complaint, as the reports in general are merely routine work,—giving details of the doings of the Grand High Priests, and the business of the Grand Jurisdiction. Brother WARVELLE furnishes some interesting reading in his postscript.

In commenting on "Life Membership," we quote:

"I am unable to see any commercialism in the payment of a lump sum, which, if improved at a low rate of interest, will pay the dues of the member as they accrue each year. Many men, during their active years would thus prefer to provide for age and guard against possible reverses of fortune in their old days. This is not commercialism in the invidious sense sometimes given to the term."

Frequently we see a Brother, advanced in years who, through no fault of his own, is unable to meet his Masonic obligations, and his name is brought up for suspension. Inducements should be offered for life membership.

The Grand High Priest of New York is not the only one who finds the old rule (as the crow flies) a prolific source of misunderstanding. It certainly works hardships in a number of cases. It should be accessibility to the Chapter.

In conclusion he states that there are now in the allegiance of the Grand Chapters of the United States a grand total of 490,057 Royal Arch Masons, 32,111 of whom were exalted during the year, being a net gain of 17,408.

The table shows the standing of the big four, Illinois leading by 1,002. Pennsylvania last. But Ohio heads the list of exaltations, and also in net gains. Illinois, keep your weather eye open.

ARTHUR E. WOOD, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Priest.

GEORGE W. WARVELLE, R. E. Grand Secretary.
J. L. M.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana assembled in the Seventy-second Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Indianapolis, at two o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of October, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447, it being the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, 1917, there being present, in addition to the Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand High Priests, the Representatives of one hundred the seventeen of the one hundred and twenty-two chartered Chapters and thirty-five Grand Representatives, Pennsylvania being represented by Companion DAVID E. SMITH.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, CALVIN H. RAMSEY, in his annual address, presents a general review of his doings during the year, three Chapters being constituted and dispensations granted for two new Chapters.

In his remarks he makes use of the following:

“While we have been blessed with our lines kept intact among our official membership, we have been called upon to furnish for that final home beyond the veil many Companions from among the subordinate Chapters, whose labors in this constructive and prophetic branch of Masonry have been fruitful and marked by long and distinguished service.”

He extends his sincerest sympathy to the Grand Chapters of other Grand Jurisdictions, among whom the writer recognized the name of Past Grand High Priest EUGENE PHILIP ROBERTSON, of Michigan, an acquaintance of long years' standing.

His decision upon the request as to whether a Brother who had an artificial leg was eligible to be admitted to a Chapter, he having been admitted into the Lodge at Hymera, Indiana, after due process and consent of the Grand Lodge, was as follows:

“The acceptance of a candidate who has an artificial leg, but who can conform to the requirements of the work, is permissible.”

This is contrary to Pennsylvania laws. In the first place, he would not be eligible to be admitted into the Lodge, because he is not sound in all his members.

In his conclusion he says:

“I cannot but express my appreciation to our beloved Grand Secretary for the kindly spirit and helpful attitude he has shown to me, and it has

been an inspiration to be so closely associated with this dear Companion, whose love has been so very greatly appreciated since I have been a member of this Grand Chapter."

R. E. Companion CALVIN W. PRATHER expresses his thanks and is extremely grateful. It makes life worth living. Right. Don't wait until after a Companion is dead, but present the bouquets while he can appreciate them.

The Grand Treasurer in his report states that he has a balance of \$5428.80 in his possession. This, with a revenue invested in securities of \$8000, makes a total asset of \$13,428.80.

The Grand Secretary's report is very interesting, and, while not having as great a net gain as in former years, shows a steady gain.

He states that "the number of active Chapters in Indiana in 1916 is 122; Chapters under dispensation, 2; active Chapters October 17, 1917, 124. Total number of members January 1, 1917, 20,627. Net increase in membership, 1108."

The Grand Inspector's report covers twenty-two pages of very interesting reading. Space will not permit a record of it all. He states:

"The work of the majority of our Chapters is to be commended. It is only the exception to see what may be denominated poor work.

"In order to maintain a high standard of work, Chapters should be careful to advance to the higher offices only those who have demonstrated their ability as ritualists in a lower one."

We think this is good, sensible advice, and if all Grand Jurisdictions would do likewise they would have capable workers in the subordinate Chapters.

Pennsylvania is generously reviewed by Companion ROBERT ARCHER WOODS, Past Grand High Priest.

M. E. ELWOOD BARNARD, Grand High Priest.

R. E. CALVIN W. PRATHER, Grand Secretary.

Next annual, October 16, 1918.

J. L. M.

IOWA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa convened in its Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation in the Consistory Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on the eleventh day of October, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447, at nine o'clock A. M.

Most Excellent CHARLES A. DEWEY, Grand High Priest, with the assistance of the Grand Officers and Companions present, opened the Grand Chapter of Iowa in *Ample Form*, being led in prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Companion F. L. ROPER.

The custom of introducing the Grand Representatives and receiving a few words of welcome is most pleasing to them, representing, as they do, a number of distant jurisdictions, and adds eclat to the position.

The Grand High Priest in his address dwells upon the unhappy state of war which exists. He says:

“Perhaps never since the dawn of history in far off Egyptian plains has a twelve months been more fraught with momentous happenings. The gigantic struggle between the powers of the earth has gone on unchecked. On the one side, ranged under the banner of the emperor’s crown, and having for their watchword ‘might makes right,’ are the advocates of privilege and inequality, spurning the teachings of Christ, our exemplar, and His teachings of the Brotherhood of man. Opposing these, arrayed under the banner of the peasant’s cap, are the freedom-loving peoples of the earth, engaged in the herculean task of ending the ruthlessness of militarism and of making the world safe for democracy. It was our fervent prayer one year ago that our country might not be drawn into this mighty war. Never was a people more inclined to peace, but, as the lines of conflict and the purposes of the warring nations became more clearly defined, America, as always, entered the fight on the side of right, and with her clean, vigorous strength will lead the right to glorious victory.”

So mote it be.

A number of requests made on Chapters in Iowa from other Grand Jurisdictions to confer the Chapter degrees were granted. This courtesy does not exist in Pennsylvania.

A number of minor decisions were made during the year.

The Grand Treasurer’s report shows a balance of \$17,400.84, the largest in the history of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Chartered Chapters shows that

31 Chapters show a decrease in membership.

10 Chapters show no change.

87 Chapters show an increase.

The net increase during the year being 969, making a total membership of 15,603.

Pennsylvania is reviewed by F. A. LEE, who certainly must be a hustler, as he went through the proceedings from A to W in three weeks' time, and did justice to the task assigned him. We have five Companions on the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Fort Dodge, Thursday, October 17, A. D. 1918.

Companion ISAAC T. FORBES, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Companion ORVIS F. GRAVES, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. L. M.

KANSAS.

The Fifty-second Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas was convened in Scottish Rite Temple, Wichita, Kansas, on Monday, February 19, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447, at two P. M.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by M. E. Companion JOHN POWERS, Grand High Priest, after prayer by REV. JOHN WESLEY BATES, Grand Chaplain.

The recapitulation of the Committee on Credentials shows seventy-one Chapters being represented. Total Representatives, including Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests, Past High Priests, etc., numbered two hundred and six.

The afternoon being devoted to the reception of distinguished Royal Arch Masons and routine business.

The report shows a total membership of 11,221, being a net gain of 654 for the year.

Capitular Masonry in Kansas is becoming more firmly established, as shown by the report.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a clear, concise statement, mentioning the fact that fifty years ago three subordinate Chapters were under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter. Today they number 95 subordinate Chapters, with a total membership of 11,221.

He states that "it would be vulgar, indeed, to base the estimate of our true potency upon the result of a mere counting process."

He further adds: "Had not Capitular Masonry in Kansas been rooted deep in the soil of manly conviction, its growth would have ended in secondary importance."

The inference to be drawn shows that the veterans in Capitular Masonry had it instilled in their hearts

and their worthy successors are no less fervent in the work.

We note that the Masonic Home at Wichita was destroyed by fire and five human lives given up to the flames.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Companions of Kansas and trust that they may never again be called upon to face such a calamity.

The angel of death appeared in their midst and called one hundred and sixty-seven good and true Companions to their reward within the inner veil, among whom were AUGUSTUS OGDEN WELLMAN, Past Grand High Priest, and R. E. WILLIAM MITCHELL SHAVER, Past Grand Secretary. Judging from the eulogistic remarks, they had endeared themselves in the hearts of not only the members of Grand Chapter, but to all the craftsmen in the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the finances to be in a healthy condition.

The Grand Chapter by resolution extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, in the Province of Alberta, Dominion of Canada.

Judging from the biographical sketch, M. E. Companion JOHN POWERS is a man of sterling quality. The grit inherited from his parentage no doubt was strengthened by his apprenticeship in the steel mills

of England, as, according to Companion WILLARD V. CHURCH, he served a partial apprenticeship before he was ten years of age. But the result shows that perseverance gains glory.

The Grand High Priest was a true disciplinarian, ever ready to temper justice with mercy, but a man of action, as shown by his decision with several subordinate Chapters.

R. E. CHARLES A. CONKLING, Grand High Priest.

R. E. ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Secretary, Topeka.

The Fifty-third Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Topeka, Kansas, February 18, 1918.

J. L. M.

LOUISIANA.

The Seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of New Orleans, on Tuesday, February 6, 1917.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by M. E. Companion SOL LEVY, Grand High Priest, the full complement of Grand Officers being present.

The report of the Committee on Credentials, which was accepted, states that forty-three Representatives were entitled to seats in the Grand Chapter and that thirty-nine were present.

According to the report, we notice the absence of only three, from Nos. 35, 61 and 63. Is the printer or proofreader to blame?

The address of the Grand High Priest, in addition to reviewing his doings for the year, refers to the great conflict now raging in the following language:

“It is the second similar period since the stupendous conflict of nations began, and there is still no promise of a cessation or of a return of our Brethren across the seas to the natural condition in which children of the one Almighty Father should live.

“Destruction of life and property in a measure unparalleled in the history of the world still goes on, with but an occasional ray of the light of peace, and that at once withdrawn, each line or side of contestants seemingly determined upon the utter ruin of the other. Brethren of the same faiths and creeds, similar in religious beliefs and fraternal ties, arrayed one against the other, all filled with the same lust of destruction until it would appear that the softening effects of all human agencies for good are failures. Is it not rather possible that our Supreme Father is chastening His children, and that in the near future a new order of things will be established, and that differences of nationality, creeds and religious faith will not divide men longer and geographical divisions furnish cause for hatred.”

The above extract from the address presents a theme which is well worthy of consideration and deep thought by mankind in general, but more especially our brethren in Freemasonry.

Harmony seems to prevail throughout the Jurisdiction, as no report of dissatisfaction or disaffection reached the Grand High's office.

Five charters were granted and one under dispensation.

Only two official visitations were made, except at the installation of the officers of Chapters Nos. 1, 2 and 66, of New Orleans.

The writer is a firm believer in official visitations, as it stimulates the Chapter officers and members throughout the Jurisdiction.

In the necrological report there appear the names of two Past Grand High Priests, GEORGE WASHINGTON BOOTH, Grand Treasurer, and HENRY FISHER RUGAN (who was born in Philadelphia, Pa.).

The Grand Secretary's report shows the present membership to be 4257, an increase of 152 for the year.

The acting Grand Treasurer, M. E. Companion H. F. GRIMM, Past Grand High Priest, is not worrying, having a cash balance of \$4582 or a grand total of \$13,437.45.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a resolution, which was adopted, whereby the Grand Chapter of Alberta was recognized as a lawful Grand Chapter, and the Grand High Priest was authorized to arrange for an exchange of Representatives.

JOHN S. THIBAUT, M. E. Grand High Priest.

JOHN A. DAVILLA, Grand Secretary.

H. F. GRIMM, P. G. H. P., Grand Treasurer.

J. L. M.

MAINE.

The Most Excellent Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met in its Ninety-second Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, at Portland, on Tuesday evening, May 1, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447, at seven o'clock.

Fifty-seven of the sixty-five chartered Chapters, thirteen of the sixteen living Past Grand High Priests and thirty-six of the fifty-two Representatives of other Grand Chapters were in attendance, Pennsylvania being represented by FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest.

M. E. Grand High Priest JAMES A. RICHAN gave an account of his doings for the year in his annual address.

On "Condition of the Craft" he says:

"The ritual work is becoming more and more uniform, which is evidence that the officers of the various Chapters are adhering to the instructions as given out by the Grand Lecturer. The Schools of Instruction presided over by the Grand Lecturer are the only means by which the work of the various Chapters can be rendered as it should be, and I regret that it did not seem feasible to hold more than one school during the past year. I am not prepared to furnish a remedy, but it seems to me that at least three schools should be held."

We think he has the right idea, and he suggests further on:

"I think it would be a good plan, and I offer this merely as a suggestion, for the subordinate Chapters to send at least one delegate to one of these schools each year and pay his expenses if necessary."

How about the Grand Chapter having a paid instructor to visit the different localities?

Everything seems to be working smoothly, as the Grand High Priest said:

“Nothing has come to my attention this year that has required any decisions out of the regular routine. Questions have been asked, but were easily decided by reference to the Constitution or Text Book.”

Two new Chapters were constituted.

The report of the visiting officers show that all the Grand Officers and Deputies were active in visiting the subordinate Chapters.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the finances to be in good condition with a balance of \$14,030.74, and charity fund with a balance of \$11,875.

Companion CONVERS E. LEACH, of the Committee on Returns, reports a net gain of 249, the total membership April 1, 1917, being 10,966.

The proceedings contain a list of the Grand Chapters, Grand High Priests, Grand Secretaries and Chairmen of the Committees on Correspondence, which is very interesting; also the “Representatives interchanged.” An assignment of Chapters for official visitations and inspections is made to the Grand Officers and Deputies.

This, together, with the Schools of Instruction, will certainly give results which will be most gratifying in uniformity of work throughout the Jurisdiction.

Companion STEPHEN BERRY, who served the Grand Chapter for many years, was made Grand Secretary Emeritus ad vitam, with the same salary as last year.

Pennsylvania's report of 1915 is given quite a lengthy review.

FREDERIC O. EATON, M. E. Grand High Priest, Rumfor.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, R. E. Grand Secretary, Portland.

J. L. M.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts was held at Boston, in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, on December 12, 1916, at 9.30. In the morning session the work was exemplified. The following is a comparison of the time consumed in the exemplification in 1915 and 1916:

Mark Degree, 1915, 1 hour 30 minutes; 1916, 1 hour 35 minutes.

Past Degree, 1915, 27 minutes; 1916, 26 minutes.

Most Excellent, 1915, 57 minutes; 1916, 78 minutes.

Royal Arch Degree, 1915, 2 hours 35 minutes; 1916, 2 hours 15 minutes.

The evening session convened at seven P. M. M. E. Grand High Priest ARTHUR D. PRINCE presiding.

The Committee on Returns presented their report, showing that the membership December, 1916, was 25,618, a net gain of 618.

The Auditing Committee reported:

Balance in Treasury of	\$5,686.86
Securities in hands of Trustee of	40,140.10
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	\$45,826.96

The address of the Grand High Priest was replete with interest, and his remarks about social activities particularly good, and we quote therefrom as follows:

“We are living in an age of pleasure, and to be successful, we must, in a measure, adapt ourselves to modern and changing conditions: without deviating a single hair from the landmarks and traditions of our Institution, we can do things in the way of social entertainment to bring our members into closer touch with one another, and make our Society stronger and better. I notice that most of the Chapters expect their members to contribute for their own entertainment, and find that they are entirely willing to do so.

“A due sense of proportion should be exercised, however, in the choice of the class of entertainment provided. We must remember that our ideals are high, our conduct dignified, and our character as an Institution above reproach, and when we select our entertainments, let us keep these things before us. I submit that the ordinary Cabaret Show that we meet with frequently, is not the proper way to close a Chapter evening. Every encouragement should be given, however, to entertainment that is clean, instructive and elevating.”

The election resulted as follows:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, ARTHUR D. PRINCE.

Deputy Grand High Priest, WATERMAN S. C. RUSSELL.

Grand King, EDWARD O. BURTON.

Grand Scribe, AUGUSTUS RIDGEWAY.

Grand Treasurer, EUGENE A. HOLTON.

Grand Secretary, J. GILMAN WAITE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Efficient Companion FREDERICK T. COMEE. It covers 149 pages, and if the writer felt at liberty to disobey the instructions of our Grand High Priest, would be discussed at length. Suffice it to say that it is fully up to the high standard of efficiency set by Companion COMEE.

W. R. M.

MISSOURI.

The Seventy-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Missouri was held at Saint Joseph on April 24, 1917. It was opened in *Ample Form*. After the distinguished visitors were introduced and duly welcomed GEORGE T. BURNHAM, Grand High Priest, presented his Annual Address. He congratulated the Grand Chapter on the 1475 new Companions brought in during the year. His closing remarks are worthy of insertion:

“There is opportunity and work for us all. Every one of us will have an opportunity to make a personal sacrifice for humanity. It is a grand

privilege to realize that we have been trained in an institution that has prepared us for this great work, and to know that no true Royal Arch Mason will falter. We know the world must come to her senses. We know that the great hosts of error must be guided and directed into a life of justice, honor, integrity and love, and in the performance of that task, the humblest piece of work may be the most powerful, as we realize that the Stone which was rejected by the Builders, became the chief stone of the corner."

The report of the Grand Treasurer was a remarkably good one.

Balance on hand April 12, 1916	\$19,623.40
Receipts	16,357.71
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Total	\$35,981.11
Disbursements	12,522.84
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Balance April 12, 1917	\$23,458.27

The Grand Secretary reported as follows:

Number of members December 31, 1915	15,237
Exalted	1,475
Affiliated	211
Reinstated	69
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Total	16,992
Suspended for non-payment of dues	402
Suspended for unmasonic conduct	1
Expelled	5
Dimitted	341
Died	227
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Number of members December 31, 1917	16,016
Net gain	779

The results of the election were as follows:

ALBERT E. DIAMANT, Grand High Priest.

THOMAS F. HURD, Deputy Grand High Priest.

CHARLES A. TRUITT, Grand King.

RAY V. DENSLOW, Grand Scribe.

GEORGE L. HASSETT, Grand Treasurer.

ROBERT F. STEVENSON, Grand Secretary.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence was made by the incomparable JOHN HENDERSON MILLER. His introductory remarks are particularly fine. They are as follows:

“To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri:

“COMPANIONS:—The letter ‘G,’ suspended over the Master’s station, is as essential to the proper furnishing of a Masonic Lodge as the Holy Bible which lies on the altar. It accentuates the underlying truth on which Freemasonry is founded, and is, in fact, a silent witness that is never absent.

“The letter ‘G’ plays an important and mysterious part in the events of our lives. It is the commencement of all our gaiety as well as the beginning of all our grief. It is the center of every ray of light, and the middle of every dark night. It lies golden in the granary and green on the grassy lawn. It hands this man a gem-crusted goblet and that one a long-handled gourd. We find it giving to the world the gospel of grace, and in that gospel offering pardon for all forms of guilt. While giving gold to comparatively few in the great multitude, it gives a grave, six feet due east and west and six feet perpendicular, to every one. It has no respect for worldly pride and glory, for stripped of the letter ‘G’ a king becomes a-kin to all of us.

“Not every man can be a genius, very few can hope to attain greatness, but the letter ‘G’ opens the way for each one of us to be good, generous and gracious. It even endows us with the God-given ability to forgive and forget.”

The report covers 113 pages, and were it not for limited time and the request of our Grand High Priest to curtail all reports, it would be reviewed at length.

W. R. M.

NEBRASKA.

The Fifty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska was held at Omaha on December 12, 1917.

The address of CARROLL D. EVANS, Grand High Priest, is inspiring and elevating, particularly his patriotic remarks on the Philosophy of Inhumanity. The barbarous Hun is portrayed in his true colors, as an enemy to Civilization, Christianity and the World at large and to our Great Order.

As master of invective Grand High Priest EVANS can rank with Demosthenes and Cicero.

The address closes with the following burst of Patriotism:

“At this moment as I close my year’s labor with and amongst you, and the honor you have conferred so graciously upon me is soon to be placed upon another more able in the Capitular art than myself, I admonish you, Companions, support our Government in its principles of Life, Liberty, and Happiness which it bestows upon us under America’s Emblem, the Flag of our Country, its bright Stars and its broad Bars,—May it never fail, or cloud of defeat ever shadow it.”

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed:

Balance last report	\$9,604.02
Receipts	4,080.83
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	\$13,694.85
Expenditures	8,549.37
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Balance	\$5,145.48

The report of the Grand Secretary showed:

Number of members November 1, 1917	5,504
Number of members November 1, 1916	5,240
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Net gain	264
Number exalted	406

Past Grand High Priest FRANK E. BULLARD presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. It was only 3½ pages long and was a decided departure from former times for reasons given as follows:

“REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

“*To the Grand Chapter:*

“Our Grand Secretary having advised us that it was desirable to reduce the cost of printing our proceedings to the minimum in order that the funds of the Grand Chapter might be used for a nobler purpose to as great an extent as possible, and being in fullest harmony with the suggestion, I have concluded to make a very decided departure in the method of preparing and submitting this report. I had already completed a portion in the time-honored manner, and have consigned the copy to the scrap-basket. It has occurred to me, from the preparation of my first report, that there was a considerable amount of waste in it, and I have had in mind this innovation, even before the necessity to economize became so clear.

“I am well aware that these reports are read by few, and that whatever amount of value they contain is practically thrown away. The Companions who have grown gray in the service of the Royal Craft, and without whose wise counsel it would soon drift upon the rocks, read them with interest, but in the Chapters generally the annual proceedings of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter are frequently not even opened, and but a comparatively small number of the Companions could name their own Grand High Priest.”

It concludes as follows:

“We were beginning to feel acquainted with some of the genial gentlemen who write these reports for other Grand Jurisdictions, and miss the

personal touch with them in presenting this to you; but unless in the future something really demanding some different treatment should arise, this form should serve the purpose, and be of as much value as if more greatly extended.

“It is therefore fraternally submitted,

“FRANK E. BULLARD, P. G. H. P.,

“*For the Committee.*”

The Tellers reported the following as elected:

Grand High Priest, JOHN R. STINE.

Deputy Grand High Priest, WILLIAM D. FUNK.

Grand King, ALPHA MORGAN.

Grand Scribe, LEWIS E. SMITH.

Grand Treasurer, LUCIUS D. RICHARDS.

Grand Secretary, FRANCIS E. WHITE.

W. R. M.

NEVADA.

The Forty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nevada was held in Reno on June 11, 1917.

The address of CHARLES H. GORMAN, Grand High Priest, was very fine, and were it permissible many excerpts therefrom would be given, but for reasons given in other reports we will have to defer, much to our regret.

Report of the Grand Treasurer:

Balance June 12, 1916	\$957.99
Receipts	970.00
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	\$1,927.99
Disbursements	696.10
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Balance June 11, 1917	\$1,231.89

Report of the Grand Secretary:

Members 1916	505
Gains	48
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Losses	17
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Members 1917	536
Exaltations	43

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was prepared by that word painter, the Grand Secretary, EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, and never has the writer felt more like “jumping the traces,” but his fidelity to his Grand High Priest, his realization of the necessity of curtailing the reports, preclude any extended review of the work of this distinguished artist. His conclusion is beautiful, and is hereby excerpted:

“IN CONCLUSION.

“Our journey is ended. Everywhere there is growth and everywhere the Royal Craft is holding fast to its ideals. Only the mad maelstorm of war fetters the world’s progress. May it end soon, and with its end come a lasting peace. In the meantime, Craftsmen, let us serve as never before, with our hand outstretched to man in helpfulness, remembering always that to give is to live, to deny is to die.

“Forever the sun is pouring his gold
On a hundred worlds that beg and borrow,
His warmth he squanders on summits cold,
His wealth on the homes of want and sorrow.

To withhold his largess of precious light
Is to bury himself in eternal night;

To give
Is to live.

“The flower shines not for itself at all;
Its joy is the joy it freely diffuses,
Of beauty and balm it is prodigal,
And it lives in the life it sweetly loses.
Nor choice for the rose, but glory or doom—
To exhale or smother, to wither or bloom.

To deny
Is to die.

“The sea lends silvery rain to the land,
The land its sapphire streams to the ocean;
The heart sends blood to the brain of command,
The brain to the heart is lightning motion;
And ever and ever we yield our breath,
Till the mirror is dry, and images death.

To give
Is to live.

“He is dead, whose hand is not open wide
To help the need of a human brother;
He doubles the life of his lifelong ride
Who gives his fortunate place to another;
And a thousand million lives are his
Who carries the world in his sympathies.

To deny
Is to die.”

The election resulted as follows:

Grand High Priest, ROBERT LEWERS.

Deputy Grand High Priest, ADAMS F. BROWN.

Grand King, THOMAS LINDSAY.

Grand Scribe, EDWARD C. PETERSON.

Grand Treasurer, WALTER J. HARRIS.

Grand Secretary, EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH.

W. R. M.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Ninety-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire was held in the city of Concord on May 15, 1917.

The Grand High Priest, EDWARD O. FIFIELD, delivered his Annual Address, a part of which we desire to call to the attention of all Capitular Masons. It is headed "Just a Word." Profanity is always indefensible, especially from a Mason.

"JUST A WORD.

"Freemasonry, as I have tried to grasp something of its teachings, has, I believe, led me closer to Him whom we know as our Great I Am. It has afforded experiences to me that have given the deepest satisfaction. This tendency is one of the things that makes Freemasonry great. I cannot forego the opportunity which this day affords, hence I attempt to bring you into the thoughtful mood, wherein you shall see the inappropriateness of any man saying to others that he is a Freemason, and then swinging into the use of God's name in a profane way. It always gives me pain to hear Companions in their profanity. I ask you to think of the pledges you have made and to let others see the influence of our institution in your everyday lives. Companions, if this disease is in your system, take the cure."

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were contained in the report of the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Grand Treasurer:

Balance	\$2,064.70
Receipts	2,077.80
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	\$4,142.50
Expenditures	1,834.41
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Balance	\$2,308.09

The Report of the Grand Secretary:

Membership 1916	4,599
Membership 1917	4,598
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Decrease	1
Exalted	151

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was prepared by Companion REV. JOSIAH L. SEWARD.

In view of the fact that it was written on what proved to be a death bed (Companion SEWARD died July 14, 1917), the report is pathetic, for the Rev. Companion seems to have had a premonition that it would be his last report. One part of his report is entitled "Masonry and the War."

It is philosophical, religious and Masonic. Among other things he says:

"The other nations had been so intent upon their own honest pursuits that they had been judging other nations by themselves and were not even dreaming that any one nation existed on the face of the earth today which was capable of conceiving and hatching such a nefarious plot. By taking a careful survey of the last forty years of German history one can discover that all of the diplomacy of that nation, all of their movements in foreign countries, all of their great plans, enterprises, and projects have been contrived with sole reference to an eventual Pan-Germanism. The immense preparations which were made in secretly laying up stores of food, in preparing vast quantities of ammunition, in trying to control the Bagdad Railway, in intriguing with the Turks with respect to the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, and all the relations of Germany with foreign Powers in general, confirm the conclusion which we have just reached.

"Had Germany been successful in all these intrigues, as she came too dangerously near to doing, it would have been a death blow to Democracy, at least it would have crushed it for many years to come. This is why all the rest of the civilized world, practically speaking, is now rising against Germany to kill this nefarious business."

W. R. M.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The proceedings of the Supreme Chapter of New South Wales for the year 1916 and the proceedings of the Quarterly Convocations of February and May, 1917, are before us. This Jurisdiction, situate on the other side of the globe, has twenty-nine subordinate Chapters, but does not have complete control of Royal Arch Masonry in New South Wales. The Grand Chapter of Scotland has twenty-six Chapters in the same territory.

The Supreme Chapter of New South Wales holds Quarterly Convocations in February, May, August and November. The addresses of the Grand Z. deal only with local matters, and no decisions or dispensations are reported. There is no correspondence report and no statistical tables showing the number of members or the work done during the year. The proceedings for the Quarterly Convocations of February and May, 1917, are taken up with an effort which had been going on since 1914 to unite all the Chapters in New South Wales under one Jurisdiction. This was proceeded with by a referendum to the subordinate Chapters of each Jurisdiction in New South Wales. The result of the ballot was that those holding allegiance to the Supreme Council of New South Wales voted overwhelmingly for the proposed union. The Chapters holding allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Scotland voted strongly against the union. Thus we have two Grand Jurisdictions occupying the same territory.

We note that Scotland did the proper thing, however, and authorized the referendum, allowing the Chapters holding allegiance to her to decide for themselves.

At a special Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New South Wales, held July 12, 1917, they severed fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland and forbade all Masonic intercourse between members of the two Grand Chapters.

We note some things in the proposed articles of union which would puzzle a Companion Royal Arch Mason from almost anywhere in the United States.

“2. That the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of New South Wales shall alone control that degree.

“3. That the degrees of Royal Ark Mariner, Red Cross Knights, and Royal and Select Master be controlled and worked by the Supreme Grand Chapter only.”

M. E. Companion A. CHANDLER, Grand Z.

E. Companion A. J. BURBRIDGE, Grand Scribe E.

J. M. C.

NEW YORK.

The One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held in the city of Albany, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 6 and 7, 1917. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests and Representatives of two hundred

and three out of two hundred and nine subordinate Chapters were present.

After opening Grand Chapter, the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of New York were received in a body, introduced and welcomed, Pennsylvania's Representative, Companion JOHN B. MULLAN, being among those present and making the response for all the Grand Representatives.

Grand Officers from a number of sister Jurisdictions were welcomed, among them being M. E. Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania; Companion DAVID J. DAVIS, Grand King, and Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, Grand Marshal.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a voluminous affair, covering fifty pages. A careful reading of it, however, shows the Grand High Priest to have spent a very busy year, and the wonder grows, as we peruse his address, how he compressed a report of such wonderful activity in such small compass.

He reports that every Chapter in the Jurisdiction was visited by a Grand Officer during the year. He personally visited seventy-three Chapters, and in many Chapters it was the first time a Grand Officer had ever entered its tabernacle. In making these visitations he traveled twenty thousand miles. One Chapter he visited was one hundred and six years old

and no Grand Officer had ever been within its hall, and two others, each ninety years old, had never had a visitation from a Grand Officer. The remainder of the Chapters were visited by other Grand Officers.

Many dispensations were granted, but always for proper purposes. All requests for dispensations to receive petitions and ballot on them the same night or to change or waive constitutional requirements were refused, the Grand High Priest holding that it is not one of the "prerogatives" of his office to set aside the plain mandate of the Constitution.

The decisions were on matters pertaining to the construction or interpretation of the Constitution, and all seem to have been correct, as they were all approved.

He reports attending the formal opening of the New Masonic Temple at Kinderhook. The temple is the gift of one of the Companions of Kinderhook Chapter. This gift confers on Kinderhook Chapter the proud distinction of being the only Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the United States owning a temple. And yet elsewhere in the proceedings we find complaints about the lack of interest in Capitular Masonry in the State of New York.

Dispensations were issued for three new Chapters, and no doubt in the proceedings of next year we shall have an account of the constitution of these same Chapters, as charters were granted by the Grand Chapter.

He reports a most pleasant visit to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania on September 7, 1916. We well remember it, and trust that your remembrance thereof is as pleasant as our own.

He refers to the report of the Grand Secretary last year, which we noted, showing a steady decline in the ratio of the growth of the Chapter and Blue Lodge, and says:

“When that report was made, New York was the largest Jurisdiction of Royal Arch Masons in the world. Today it is third, having been passed by both Ohio and Illinois.

“As a result of my visits, and from a study of the reports of my associate officers and Grand Chapter statistics, I am convinced that our constituent Chapters must solve two problems. One is to get new members, the other is, to keep them. . . .

“The main difficulty in the problem of getting candidates is ignorance on the part of the average Master Mason of the real value of the teachings of the Chapter in the Masonic system. That is also true of the average Royal Arch Mason. The Chapter has too long been regarded merely as a stepping stone to something else, and of no particular value of itself. The only way to correct this is by education. Master Masons must be taught that Capitular Masonry is an important Masonic Body. So important that without it, a Master Mason’s knowledge of Ancient Craft Masonry is incomplete. The Chapter is the crowning Masonic Body in the realm of Symbolic Masonry. . . .

“On analyzing our losses, we find that of every 100 men that we have lost permanently, 44.9 per cent. have been lost by death, 11 per cent. by dismission, four-tenths of one per cent. by expulsion and 43.7 per cent. by suspension for nonpayment of dues.”

The remedy proposed for this condition is a renewed interest in the ritual by the officers. It strikes us that live officers generally make a pretty live organization anywhere. He also recommends the development of the social side of Capitular Masonry more fully.

The Grand Treasurer's report indicates that Grand Chapter in New York is financially sound, with a balance in banks of \$141,162.28, of which \$100,000 is a permanent fund and \$41,162.28 is general fund.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a total increase of 2555 members, of which 2246 were exaltations, the remainder being by affiliation and restoration. A total loss of 1700, of which 657 were by death, 715 suspended for nonpayment of dues, 326 dimitted, 1 suspended and 1 expelled.

"Compared with last year's report, this shows a falling off of 56 in the number of exaltations and 13 in the number of affiliations. There was a gain of 53 in restorations.

"There were 41 petitions rejected in 25 Chapters."

The net membership December 27, 1916, was 42,077, a net increase for the year of 855.

In the evening the Grand Lecturer, assisted by Companions from Greenbush and Temple Chapters, exemplified the Royal Arch Degree.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion M. I. GREENWOOD. He says that "with the superstitious fear that hangs around the number thirteen he begins his thirteenth report."

He reviews the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions from Alabama to Wyoming, including

England, Canada and Scotland, all in seventy-two pages. The report is largely statistical, with many well-selected quotations from the addresses of the different Grand High Priests. Pennsylvania is accorded one and a half pages of fraternal review.

M. E. Companion C. WESLEY ORR, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion CHARLES C. HUNT, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina was held at Fayetteville, May 8 and 9, 1917. Twenty-seven Chapters represented and twenty-two not represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest covered the work of the Grand Chapter for the year and is a model in many respects.

He states that he had a number of requests for dispensations to act on petitions out of time, which he in every case refused. He issued a circular letter to the Chapters, calling attention to the By-laws of Grand Chapter, which requires the Grand High Priest to "see that the Constitution, Laws and Edicts of the Grand Chapter are strictly and promptly obeyed." "That all petitions must be presented at

a stated Convocation of the Chapter, that ballots on petitions must be had at stated Convocations and that no petitions for the degrees and membership shall be balloted on until the same shall have lain over until the next stated Convocation.”

He says: “The By-laws of the Grand Chapter represent the mature thought and best judgment of this Jurisdiction and as such should be enforced.”

This seems to us a very proper view of the matter.

The following circular letter sent out by the Grand High Priest is so much out of the ordinary that we quote it:

“DEAR SIR AND COMPANION: I have been authorized to notify you at once that Templar Chapter No. 6 expelled from its membership September 11th Companion Leroy T. White, for the murder of his wife, one of the most cold-blooded murders that has even been in our county, and he is wanted for the same. Please aid in catching him in any way you can. His picture came out in the ‘Ledger-Dispatch,’ September 11th. The murder was committed September 7th.

Yours Fraternally,

W. T. TADLOCK, *Secretary*,
Temple Chapter No. 6,
E. H. REID, *Grand High Priest*.

Attest:

JOHN B. GRIGGS,
Grand Secretary.

Elizabeth City, September 18, 1916.”

The charter of one Chapter was arrested and two others “barely escaped.” Among the decisions we note:

“I have no authority to grant dispensation for communication degrees.”

That a Chapter cannot refund the fees of a petitioner who, after the petition was received and before ballot, requested its withdrawal because he did not feel himself financially able to take the degrees.

The Grand High Priest in his review of the condition of Grand Chapter deplores the fact that so few Master Masons avail themselves of the privileges of Capitular Masonry. Also that fifty per cent. of their loss of members is by suspension for nonpayment of dues, and asks the question, "Why do men lose interest in Royal Arch Masonry?" We might ask the same question about the other branches of Masonry. We have met the question many times, but never a satisfactory solution.

A resolution was introduced to divide the State into districts and appoint a District Deputy Grand High Priest in each district, whose duty it should be to visit each Chapter in his district every year and give such instructions and advice as was necessary. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The present membership is 4187, a net gain of 234. There was 366 exaltations during the year.

No report of Committee on Correspondence.

O. W. SPENCER, M. E. Grand High Priest.

JOHN B. GRIGGS, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota held its Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation in the city of Grand Forks, Wednesday, June 20, 1917, the roll-call showing a constitutional number of Chapters represented. The Grand Chapter was opened in *Full Form*.

The address of the Grand High Priest deals strictly with the affairs of the Grand Chapter. But three decisions of purely local interest are reported. One new Chapter was constituted and eight official visitations made.

The Mark Master's Degree was exemplified by one of the subordinate Chapters before the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows receipts for the year, \$3507.33. Balance on hand at the beginning of the year, \$11,577.92. Total, \$15,085.25. Disbursements, \$4168.77. Balance on hand, \$11,916.48.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a net gain in membership of 163. Exalted during the year, 239. Present membership, 3048.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion GEORGE E. GUTHRIE. He reports that he has traveled from the Golden Gate in California to Hell Gate in New York, where he turned back and thence journeyed both North and South. He reviewed fifty-two Jurisdictions.

Under Arkansas he says somebody slipped a roster of the members in where the report of the Committee on Correspondence should have been. He says he would like to trade all the rosters of members which appear in printed proceedings off for tobacco, as he could use the tobacco and he can't use the roster. We have never been able to figure out any use of a printed roster of the whole membership. It seems to us that it is a great waste of time, energy and good white paper. In this day of conservation of energy, time and money, we would say, "Cut it out."

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed and some opinions of ours agreed to. The review of all the Jurisdictions is very complete and should be of inestimable value to the Companions of North Dakota. If they don't read it, the loss is theirs.

M. E. Companion EMIL L. MACKENROTH, Grand High Priest.

E. Companion WALTER L. STOCKWELL, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Forty-seventh Annual Grand Convocation of the Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia was held at Annapolis Royal on Tuesday, June 13, 1916.

All the Grand Officers were present, together with eight Past Grand High Priests, the Grand Repre-

sentatives of seventeen Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among those present, and fourteen of the seventeen subordinate Chapters represented.

After the opening of Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest made his annual address, wherein he paid loving tribute to the deceased of their own and sister Jurisdictions, among those noted being M. E. Companion GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., Past Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, and R. E. Companion STOCKTON BATES, Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania. A number of dispensations are reported, all of which appear to be for good and sufficient cause.

In the matter of official visitation the Grand High Priest says:

“In the matter of official visiting, I have much pleasure in informing you that I have followed the lead of my immediate predecessor, and have visited every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction. While this entails considerable work, it yields a large amount of pleasure; and I must confess that the five weeks spent over it and the three thousand miles traveled, have yielded me the finest—the crowning pleasure of my life.”

In speaking of undue haste in rushing Companions through the Chapter, the Grand High Priest says:

“I am persuaded that work rushed through under circumstances referred to will yield a larger percentage of indifferent membership than ordinary steady growth produces.

“A number of thoughtful Companions are agitating the proposal for legislation for a time limit and examination between degrees as in the Blue Lodge. Such would at least tend to make the Chapter to a lesser degree a mere stepping stone to some other purpose. We may not have time to take action today, but I would commend the matter to your serious consideration.

“Another matter is worthy of thought, which is that such people should be made to retain membership and good standing all the way up—or down.

When you see a young man rushing headlong until he can wear a Shrine pin, and seldom, if ever, darkening the door of a Blue Lodge or Chapter you begin to wonder whether there are not more mistakes made with the white balls than with the black ones. Companions, I wear a Shrine pin, and confess I am not wholly guiltless in helping some younger men to do the same; but when this more serious problem looms up I sometimes do some tall thinking."

He criticizes the By-laws adopted by the Grand Lodge last year, which made suspension in the Blue Lodge automatically suspend the members in the Chapter, saying: "We have placed the control of our membership in the hands of people who are not Chapter members and care nothing for us." We must say that we cannot agree with this view.

The Grand High Priest further recommends that the term of office for the Grand High Priest should be two years, or that he should be re-elected for a second term. We heartily agree with this.

There are reports from the Grand Representatives of Newfoundland and also extensive reports of the Board of General Purposes.

In the Grand Secretary's report we note the following:

"Of our seventeen Chapters, fourteen have had exaltations and three have had none. Eight have made gains, six have suffered losses, and three have remained stationary. All have made returns and all but one have made payments of dues and fees. An analysis of the returns shows as follows:

"Membership, April 30, 1915, 1528; exalted during the year, 81; affiliated, 4; reinstated, 2; total gain, 87.

"Dimitted during the year, 12; suspended, 30; died, 25; total loss, 67; net gain, 20; membership, April 30, 1916, 1548."

The Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address in their report "recommend that that portion of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's address be not printed with the annual proceedings, and, as the office is now vacant, that the incoming Grand High Priest be requested to issue a commission to the Excellent Companion named by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of New York."

This is in reference to a controversy between the Grand High Priests of New York and Nova Scotia over the appointment of a Representative of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia near the Grand Chapter of New York. This was a very warm controversy, a full account of which appears in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New York for 1916.

The Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address further reports:

"In reference to the matter of automatic suspension in the Chapter, when a Companion is suspended by his Blue Lodge, your Committee thoroughly approve of the action of Grand Chapter taken last year, but believe that the Chapter should have satisfactory evidence of the suspension in the Lodge."

In the report of the Board of General Purposes it shows a Committee on Foreign Correspondence consisting of M. E. Companions W. M. BLACK, S. J. WADDELL and T. VAN B. BINGAY. However, we have looked diligently throughout the volume and we find no report of this Committee. We find a new Committee for the present year, consisting of Compan-

ions S. J. WADDELL, DON F. FRASER and M. McF. HALL.

M. E. Companion FREDERICK L. SHAFFNER, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion S. J. WADDELL, Grand Secretary.
J. M. C.

OHIO.

The One Hundred and First Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio was held in Toledo, October 3 and 4, 1917.

Besides the Grand Officers and fifteen Past Grand High Priests, there were the Representatives of one hundred and sixty-nine Chapters.

The Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States honored the Grand Chapter of Ohio with a visitation, and on his reception made an eloquent address.

The annual address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion WILLIAM A. BELT, was full of interesting things to Ohio. He told the Companions that this had been the banner year for the Grand Chapter of Ohio. More were exalted, more reinstated, fewer withdrawn and fewer suspended for nonpayment of dues than in any other year in the history of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest reports that he divided the State into nineteen inspection districts and appointed an inspector in each district whose duty it was to visit each Chapter in the district, inspect it and make a detailed report. He reports that it was an unqualified success, and the results shown by the records bear him out.

Three Chapters, which seem to be dormant, were admonished that they were placed on probation for a year, at which time their condition would determine the existence of their Chapter.

Dispensations were granted for two new Chapters, which the Grand Chapter approved and directed charters to issue.

Two dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions without waiting the required time were issued to enable Chapters to confer the degrees on petitioners who were leaving for military service. This was in direct violation of a resolution passed by the Grand Chapter in 1890 that "Hereafter the Grand Chapter will recognize no cases of emergency." The action of the Grand High Priest was not approved. However, the Grand Chapter passed a resolution modifying their former resolution, so that it now reads, "That the Grand Chapter recognizes no cases of emergency, except that a petition for affiliation or for the Chapter degrees, if that of a soldier or sailor of the army or navy, may be declared a case of emergency by a dispensation from the Grand High

Priest at any time during the duration of the war.” Looks to us as if the Grand High Priest was right, even if the law was against him, as they had to change the law to conform with his action. We think he can very well stand the disapproval of his action under the circumstances.

Among decisions reported: “A Chapter in this State cannot receive the petition of a Master Mason residing in another State for the Chapter degrees without the consent of the Grand High Priest of that State.” This was approved with slight modification of the wording.

Also decided that a Companion against whom charges are pending can file objections to a petitioner.

The Grand Secretary's report is an interesting one. There were 3625 exaltations during the year, 294 admitted and 393 reinstated; total, 4312. The losses were: Died, 593; withdrawn, 381; suspended n. p. d., 447; for u. m. c., 3; expelled, 13; total loss, 1437. Net gain, 2875. Present membership, 44,590. The net gain is 296 more than last year, which up to that time had been their most prosperous one.

The annual report of the Masonic Home is included as an appendix. This seems to be under the control of all the Masonic bodies of the State, viz., Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Commandery, Grand Council and the A. A. Scottish Rite, each body having representatives on the Board of Trustees.

They have 94 men, 72 women, 31 boys and 24 girls in the Home, a total of 221. The disbursements for the year were \$97,484.46, about \$441 per person maintained during the year.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by M. E. Companion O. P. SPERRA. This is by no means his first offence. A careful reading of it shows a wealth of Masonic doings collected from the proceedings of fifty-four Jurisdictions and served up for the edification of the Companions of Ohio in a very tempting form. We know that if the Companions will read it they will get a more comprehensive view of what Capitular Masonry is doing than they have at present. We have often wondered, as we wandered among the proceedings of different Jurisdictions, if it would not at least be interesting if each subordinate Chapter would appoint a competent Companion to make one or more reports to the Chapter of the doings of Capitular Masonry in the world, taking as his text book the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of his own State for the year. Up in Canada they print on the cover, "To be read in all the Chapters."

Next meeting of Grand Chapter in Cleveland.

M. E. Companion JOHN H. BAEHR, Grand High Priest.

Companion EDWIN HAGENBUCH, Grand Secretary.

M. E. Companion O. P. SPERRA, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

J. M. C.

OKLAHOMA.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oklahoma was held in Tulsa, April 17 and 18, 1917.

The Committee on Credentials reported sixty-five Chapters represented, after which the Grand High Priest opened Grand Chapter in *Ample Form*.

The Grand Representatives were then received, Companion ERNEST R. WILSON, Pennsylvania's Representative, being among the number.

The address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion JAMES A. SCOTT, contains many interesting things, and none more interesting than some personal reminiscences dealing with his first trip to Tulsa, in 1883. Under special dispensations he reports having granted one to a Chapter to ballot on the petitions regardless of time; that upon looking at the Grand Chapter law he became convinced that the Grand High Priest does not have authority to issue such dispensations. He reports that he has arrested the charter of one Chapter and consolidated another weak Chapter with a stronger one, of course observing all the requirements of the law and both Chapters being agreeable to the arrangement.

Dispensations were granted for three new Chapters, to which the Grand Chapter directed charters to issue at this meeting.

In gathering general information he found that twenty-six Chapters require candidates to record their marks before advancement; twenty-four pay very little attention to it. He notified the negligent Chapters that a compliance with section 34, page 20, of the laws must be enforced to the extent that no candidate be advanced, no petition for affiliation received or demit be granted to a Companion who had not selected and recorded his mark.

In his conclusion he regrets that in many cases the Chapter is regarded but as a stepping-stone for other degrees or orders, instead of being the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry. Well, that seems to be the Masonic riddle of the present day—how to increase the interest in Capitular Masonry. Volumes have been written, but the correct solution of the problem seems not yet found.

The annual report of the Grand Secretary was read by Companion IRA B. KIRKLAND, acting Grand Secretary. It was prepared by the Grand Secretary, Companion BENNETT, while suffering from what afterwards proved to be his last illness, and no one reading it would ever guess that the spirit that prepared it was so near the entering of the White Vail. It shows a net gain of 504, with a present membership of 6160.

The Grand Chapter did a beautiful act in sending a Committee from its meeting to visit Companion BENNETT, some sixty miles away. They reported the

next day how gladly they were received and brought back a message from the Companion to the Grand Chapter which is really a benediction.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence this year is from another hand, as Companion BENNETT passed away after having reviewed seven Jurisdictions. It is a compact and concise report, noting briefly the important happenings in other Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania is given a very kindly notice. But, oh, how we miss Companion BENNETT among the correspondents!

M. E. Companion BERT DUNCAN ASHBROOK, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion JAMES A. SCOTT, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

OREGON.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Oregon was held in Portland, June 11, 1917.

They get their work up promptly and in excellent shape. The proceedings come to us in a beautifully printed and carefully edited volume of two hundred and forty-two pages.

At the very beginning is the smiling face of SEPTIMUS S. SPENCER, Grand High Priest, welcoming us to the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

The proceedings tell us that a majority of the Chapters being represented (twenty-eight out of thirty-seven), Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest's address deals exclusively with routine matters of the Grand Chapter. He reports arresting the charter of one of the subordinate Chapters which had become practically defunct.

Among decisions we note that a Companion cannot retain his standing in the Chapter while suspended in his Blue Lodge; a Chapter is required to pay Grand Chapter dues on a Companion whose dues are remitted as an act of courtesy; a Companion petitioning for membership must present his demit or satisfactory explanation in writing of inability to furnish a certificate or demit and comply with the law.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand in cash of \$6973.40, with permanent investments of \$9000, making a grand total of \$15,973.40.

The Grand Secretary, Companion JAMES F. ROBINSON, presents his twenty-sixth annual report, from which we learn that there are 36 Chapters in the Jurisdiction, with a present membership of 4203. There were exalted during the year 192, and 72 affiliated. The losses, however, came pretty near wiping out the entire gain, as there was a net gain of only 14. As a fact, the loss was 259, or 67 more than were exalted.

The Committee on Grievances reported a somewhat lengthy penal code, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to report at the next Annual Convocation.

The Grand Chapter passed a resolution severing fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland during the severance of fraternal relations between that body and the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

The Grand Chapter passed a resolution that no Grand Chapter dues be collected from any Chapter for any Companion engaged in the military or naval service of the United States during the continuance of the war. It also recommended that subordinate Chapters exempt such Companions from dues and issue to the Companions so exempted certificates to that effect.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by M. E. Companion HENRY B. THIELSON, and to those familiar with his work it is unnecessary to say it is very good. Fifty Jurisdictions are carefully reviewed.

M. E. Companion SILAS M. YORAN, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion JAMES F. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

QUEBEC.

The Fortieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec was held in the city of Montreal, March 28, 1917. On the first page we note the following legend: "Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved."

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, all but one of the sixteen subordinate Chapters being represented. We notice that Pennsylvania was among the absent ones of the Grand Representatives.

The address of the First Principal Z. goes over the work of the Grand Chapter for the year, recites the usual number of visitations, dispensations, etc., and closes saying: "Peace and harmony have prevailed during my term of office and my duties have been very light."

There are detailed reports from the four District Superintendents. These correspond to our District Deputy Grand High Priests.

The Grand Scribe reports 137 additions to the roll of members, of which 131 were by petition. There was a loss of 74, making a net gain of 63, the total membership being 1742. We note in his report that 9 Chapters show an increase of 84 and find a decrease of 21. The additions, however, were 50 per cent. more than last year. The receipts this year were \$200 more than last year. We think under the conditions this is a wonderful showing, and surely the Grand Chapter is to be congratulated.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by M. E. Companion E. D. T. CHAMBERS, which is sufficient guaranty to the high quality of the report given the Companions of Quebec. We hope that when the proceedings are "read in all Chapters" they read this report first.

Several pages are given to a discussion of the General Grand Chapter idea. The arguments set forth are very much against a General Grand Chapter in Canada, and largely drawn from the United States. Well, we do not think it amounts to a great deal.

In the United States several States get along very nicely without the supervision of any General Grand Chapter. Many other States get along nicely under the fostering care of the General Grand Chapter. So there you are. Reasoning from analogy, however, we think it is a somewhat useless thing. All the States in the United States have their Grand Lodges without any General Grand Lodge, and they seem to be even more prosperous than the Chapters.

Under New Jersey he quotes with approval the criticism of Pennsylvania displaying the National Flag in Grand Chapter. Well, Companion, we are in absolute and full accord with Pennsylvania's stand in this matter. The prattle about "the procession of devout Israelites" does not apply. Loyalty to country down here stands next to loyalty to God, and

every man who enters a Chapter in Pennsylvania must do so in the presence of the emblems of both.

M. E. Companion E. O. DYER, Grand Z.

M. E. Companion WILL H. WHYTE, Scribe E.

J. M. C.

RHODE ISLAND.

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island was held in the city of Providence, March 14, 1916.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, with all the Grand Officers present, fourteen Past Grand Officers and the Representatives of all the eleven Chapters.

The Grand High Priest, in opening his annual address, says:

“Let us reverently bow before His Throne, renewing our vows and pledging ourselves afresh to seek after Truth wherever it may be found, exemplifying, so far as in us lies, the noble tenets of our grand Institution, and thus, perhaps, making the world a little better for our having lived in it.”

He pays a beautiful and loving tribute to the dead, quoting a beautiful poem closing with the stanzas:

“Not theirs the grief, we say, not theirs the grief;
Our ranks grow thin, while theirs increase forever;
No hearth a-cold, no falling of the leaf,
No friends that sever—
Until we long to be of their good cheer;
Oh, with what heartfelt, wistful yearning,
To join, that Company, select and dear,
The home returning.”

Two official visitations and informal visits to all the Chapters but one.

There were no decisions called for and but two rulings on the law.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, King and Scribe each make reports relating to visitations.

The Grand Secretary's report shows 335 exaltations, with a net gain of 162. Present membership, 4803. Of the present membership, Providence Chapter No. 1 has a membership of 2198, or nearly fifty per cent. of the membership of the State. The report shows that every Chapter in the State did some work during the year.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion S. PENROSE WILLIAMS and covers the field thoroughly. Pennsylvania is accorded a fraternal review, and its position on refusing to waive jurisdiction to allow other Grand Chapters to receive petitions from residents of Pennsylvania who have not “passed the chair” is criticised.

M. E. FREDERICK E. LEONARD, Grand High Priest.

Companion WILLIAM R. GREEN, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

SCOTLAND.

The proceedings of the Quarterly Convocations of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland for December, 1916; March, 1917; the Annual Convocation of March 21, 1917, and the Quarterly Convocation of June, 1917, together with the roster of Grand Office Bearers, Superintendents, etc., for 1917-1918, are before us. They come in separate pamphlets; printed immediately after each meeting. While a little difficult at times for us of America to understand, they are always interesting.

Their four hundred and sixteen Chapters are scattered over the entire earth. Some of the Chapters are in places we would scarce expect, viz., Turkey, Spain, China, Japan, Chili and Peru. Evidently our Scottish brethren believe that the true Mason should find in every clime a Brother.

The Quarterly Communication in December was devoted entirely to routine business and reports. At the March Convocation Grand Officers were elected (or, we should more properly say, re-elected), the EARL OF CASSILLIS being elected Grand Z.

At the Annual Convocation, held March 21st, the Grand Office Bearers were installed. Immediately after installation they proceeded to the banqueting, "where a simple *répast* had been provided." Here toasts to "The King," "The Royal Family," "Our Order" and "The very good health and safe and speedy return of our First Grand Principal" (EARL

OF CASSILLIST. The EARL in responding said, among other things:

“The total exaltations during this year were 2597, which is only about 100 short of the highest figure ever reached by the Supreme Grand Chapter. The side degrees, and the Cryptic degrees have received a good deal of attention, and as regards the latter, which are, of course, a new institution, so far as Supreme Chapter is concerned, we have now 38 active Councils under our Jurisdiction. During the year no fewer than 1252 members have joined as Royal Select Masters. . . . As regards funds, we are £250 better than last year, and besides that we have gathered a War Relief Fund of about £300. . . .

“Of course, one result of the War has been that we have had to postpone the discussion of one or two difficult questions which have cropped up between ourselves and some of our American cousins, as one or two of the Grand Chapters of the United States are not at the present moment on friendly relations with us. It is to be regretted that they have drifted into this state of matters without any opportunity being afforded of discussion with them, and they have not evidently appreciated the fact that our British Masonry differs in many respects from American Masonry. . . .

“You may be glad to know that during the past year eight new Royal Arch Charters have been granted, two in Scotland, one in New South Wales, one in Queensland, one at Lagos, one in West Australia, one in Penang, and one in the Transvaal; and also since 12th February we have granted three more charters, so that we have begun the current year very well.”

In addition, the Most Excellent Grand Z. expressed a desire that during the continuance of the war the craft should conduct its proceedings with all practical simplicity. He himself intended to set the example of not wearing evening dress at Masonic functions; and, while leaving it optional for every Companion, he wished it to be known that morning dress is in order on all such occasions.

In regard to what is known as “the after proceedings,” he did not think the Grand Chapter had either

the right or wish to intervene in regard to the expenditure of private Chapters in time of national stress on objects legitimate in themselves and long accustomed to be enjoyed. The increasing food restrictions and need for national economy render it more than ever necessary for each Chapter to keep the national need in mind.

In looking over the list of Chapters we find twelve Chapters that have returned no fees of any kind to the Supreme Chapter during the year.

There is no correspondence report and no statistical tables showing the membership, the number of exaltations or any of the detailed work of the Chapters.

The Grand Chapter has recently taken under its protecting wing Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and Red Cross Councils, as well as Councils of Royal and Select Masters. Evidently the Grand Chapter of Scotland thoroughly believes in the universality of Masonry, both in territory and degrees and orders. In all fairness to their members, they ought to attach a "Shrine" somewhere, preferably in Constantinople.

EARL OF CASSILLIS, First Grand Principal Z.

ALFRED A. A. MURRAY, Grand Scribe E.

J. M. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina was held in the city of Columbia on April 10, 1917. The Grand Officers were all present, together with five Past Grand High Priests, the Grand Representatives of many other Jurisdictions, including Pennsylvania, and most of the subordinate Chapters. The Grand Chapter was highly honored by the presence of the General Grand High Priest of the United States, GEORGE E. CORSON, who made quite a lengthy address to the Grand Chapter, referring particularly to the earlier history of Capitular Masonry. The first mention he finds of Royal Arch Masonry in South Carolina was in 1806, at the town of Beaufort. After the introduction of other distinguished visitors and the felicitations accompanying the same, the Grand High Priest delivered his annual address. He pays a most loving tribute to CHARLES FRANK JACKSON, who, had he lived twenty-four hours longer, would have been unanimously elected for the fifty-eighth consecutive year as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter.

It takes a whole page and a half to record the dispensations granted, mostly "through tickets" on the limited express. It has always seemed peculiar to us that men living along for years and years with no thought of joining the Chapter and then suddenly, when the spirit comes upon them, they can't wait even a month until their petition can take the ordi-

nary course, but must have the Capitular Degree delivered to them forthwith. Generally this kind is likened to or spoken of in the Scripture: "Who beholding his natural face in the glass goeth away and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he is."

The Grand High Priest reports that he has not been called upon to render any decisions during the year. Nineteen official visitations are reported.

The Grand Secretary's report shows 221 exaltations, 17 affiliations and 7 reinstated, making a gross increase of 245. Deaths, 47; dimitted, 60; suspended, 50; expelled, 1; net gain of 87 for the year. The present membership is 3297.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion JAMES L. MICHIE. Companion MICHIE, while he admits to the loss of an eye, has managed to see pretty much everything that goes on in the Capitular world and to lay the same before the Companions of South Carolina in the most readable shape. He pays a most charming tribute to Past Grand High Priest KENDRICK, of Pennsylvania, and quotes Grand High Priest LOWRY's words in announcing Companion KENDRICK's death in Grand Chapter. In commenting on the report that we voted down an increase of the per capita tax, he says that Pennsylvania's dues will still look like thirty cents. All right, Companion MICHIE, when you read the proceedings of 1917, you

will see that they look like a great big round half-dollar.

We are sorry that Companion MICHIE does not like MACKEY's explanation of the Eighteenth Landmark.

We would like to dwell on the many good things which we find in the report on Foreign Correspondence of South Carolina, but the high cost of living as well as of paper admonishes us that we must get busy at something else in order to keep the wintry blasts away from the door.

Companion WILLIAM A. GILES, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Companion O. FRANK HART, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota was held at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Hot Springs, June 14, 1917.

M. E. Grand High Priest JOHN A. CLEAVER, with the assistance of the Grand Officers and Companions present, opened the Grand Chapter.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests and Representatives of thirty-two of the thirty-six subordinate Chapters were present.

The key-note of the Grand High Priest's address was patriotism, and the best evidence of the approval of Grand Chapter is the response made to the recommendation "that the Finance Committee consider the investment of as large an amount as possible of the funds of this Grand Chapter in the Liberty Bonds." The Finance Committee recommended the subscription of \$2000 for Liberty Bonds, and the presentation of said bonds to the Grand Lodge as a donation to the Grand Charity Fund. The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Announcement was made of the death, on June 10, 1917, of M. E. Past Grand High Priest GEORGE HERBERT PERRY.

No decisions were necessary.

It was necessary, however, to arrest the Charter of Keystone Chapter No. 45, at Presho. Repeated efforts were made to rehabilitate this Chapter, but without avail. It seemed impossible to have enough members present to open the Chapter and do the work.

The Charter and property of Keystone Chapter No. 45 were delivered to the Grand Secretary on May 1, 1917. "The Grand Secretary was authorized to issue demits to all Companions of Keystone Chapter No. 45 upon written application therefor; payment of any and all sums due from said Chapter being hereby waived."

The following resolution in reference to jurisdiction over applicants residing near State lines was adopted:

“The Grand Chapter of South Dakota grants to adjoining Grand Jurisdictions concurrent jurisdiction over all persons residing within the State of South Dakota, but near the boundary line of this State, and whose residence is nearer or more accessible to a Chapter in either of such adjoining states than to any Chapter in South Dakota.

“Provided, that in case any petition shall be presented to a Chapter of an adjoining State by a resident of South Dakota, the Chapter receiving the petition shall immediately notify the Chapter within whose territorial jurisdiction the petitioner shall reside, and take no further action for thirty days from the date of such notification; and if the petitioner shall have been rejected by the Chapter so notified, no action shall be taken without the consent of such Chapter.

“And provided further, that this regulation shall take effect and be in force only upon, and after receipt of, official information from an adjoining Grand Jurisdiction that a similar regulation has been adopted by it as to residents thereof, permitting them to apply for the degrees in neighboring Chapters located in South Dakota.”

The recommendation of the Grand Secretary that this Grand Chapter remit the Grand Chapter dues as to all members of the Chapters, whose dues shall be remitted by the Chapters by reason of their entering into active service in the Army or Navy of the United States, was approved.

The Committee on Correspondence made the following report, and the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

“Whereas, The Grand Chapter of Scotland, with its accustomed non-observance of the fraternal rights of other Grand Bodies, has again invaded a Grand Jurisdiction and planted therein a Chapter of its obedience, the jurisdiction invaded being that of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, and the Territory the Philippine Islands, where the General Grand Chapter has had a Chapter of its obedience for many years; and,

“Whereas, at its last Triennial Convocation, the General Grand Chapter, having failed after three years’ effort to cause the withdrawal of this illegally planted Chapter, severed fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland;

“Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the fraternal relations heretofore existing between the Grand Chapter of South Dakota and that of Scotland be, and they are hereby severed until such time as the Grand Chapter of Scotland shall awaken to the fact that they cannot violate territorial jurisdiction of others with impunity.”

Treasury balance, \$5,615.78. Membership, 3,817, an increase of 112 for the year.

The following officers were elected and installed:

M. E. Grand High Priest, WEST BABCOCK.

R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, WILLIAM A. MORRIS.

R. E. Grand King, FREDERICK TREON.

R. E. Grand Scribe, F. R. WHORTON.

R. E. Grand Treasurer, LOUIS JACOBS.

R. E. Grand Secretary, GEORGE A. PETTIGREW.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at the city of Aberdeen.

WEST BABCOCK, Grand High Priest.

GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

UTAH, 1917.

The Sixth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah was held at Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, May 9, 1917.

M. E. HOWARD P. KIRTLEY, Grand High Priest, called the Convocation to order. Three Past Grand High Priests and fifteen Representatives of five subordinate Chapters were present.

Grand Chapter was favored with the presence of M. E. Companion C. F. JOHNSON, R. W. Grand Master of Utah, who was received with Grand Honors.

In his address R. W. Grand High Priest KIRTLEY calls attention to his absence on account of service in the Medical Reserve Corps on the Mexican Border. Deputy Grand High Priest SAM H. GOODWIN conducted the affairs of Grand Chapter in the absence of the Grand High Priest.

Twenty-eight and one-half per cent. of the membership of the Grand Lodge of Utah, or 749, are members of the Grand Chapter.

The petition for a charter for Price Chapter, U. D., was recommended, and subsequently granted.

It was also recommended by the Grand High Priest, "that all the chartered Chapters of Utah be

made of concurrent jurisdiction." Section 58 of the By-laws was changed to read:

"Each of the several Chapters in Utah shall have concurrent jurisdiction throughout the State with every other Chapter; but that Chapter first receiving an application for the degrees or for membership shall have, until that application is acted upon, exclusive jurisdiction of the application and the applicant."

The following recommendation was adopted:

"That a limited number of cipher keys, not to exceed nine, be allowed each Chapter. The request for same to be made by the High Priest of the Chapter in need of them to the Grand Secretary, and subject to the approval of the Grand Lecturer."

The cash balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer amounted to \$814.67.

The following officers, elected to serve Grand Chapter, were installed by M. E. Companion HOWARD P. KIRTLEY:

SAM H. GOODWIN, Grand High Priest.

FRANK P. SHERWOOD, Deputy Grand High Priest.

C. F. DINSMORE, Grand King.

LEE B. WIGHT, Grand Scribe.

HERBERT M. CHAMBERLAIN, Grand Treasurer.

WALTER DANIELS, Grand Secretary.

The Seventh Annual Convocation will be held at Provo, Utah, May 8, 1918.

S. H. GOODWIN, Grand High Priest.

WALTER DANIELS, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

VERMONT, 1917.

The One Hundredth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont convened in Masonic Temple, Burlington, June 15, 1917.

The Grand Chapter was opened by M. E. JAMES R. ROBERTS, Grand High Priest, with the assistance of the Grand Officers present.

Many distinguished visitors, including the following, were present:

M. E. DAVID A. ELLIOTT, Past Grand High Priest of Vermont and present Grand Master of Masons of Vermont; M. E. CHARLES T. GLINES, Grand High Priest of Rhode Island; S. C. RUSSELL, Grand King of Massachusetts; M. W. WM. W. WILLIAMSON, Grand Master of Quebec; and M. E. GEORGE E. CORSON, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Special entertainment was provided for the distinguished visitors. "The presence of the Canadian Companions gave a tone of reality and earnestness that deeply impressed every one present and struck the note of patriotism and loyalty."

The address of the General Grand High Priest M. E. GEORGE E. CORSON was most interesting and instructive, and we would like to give it in full, but must content ourselves with quoting the following:

“ . . . Companions, our country is again at war. . Vermont and all her sister states of this glorious American Union have again taken up arms in defense of their liberties and in the cause of humanity. Even amid these quiet surroundings, where peace and harmony prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us into a great band of friends and brothers, we cannot dismiss from our minds, nor fail to take notice of the fact, that our country, our nation is at war. It has bared its breast to the blows of an unmerciful and demoniac foe, the enemy of everything we hold pure and sacred, sure that its strength of sinew and of soul will suffice for every assault. The nation has brought the New World into the Old World war.

“For humanity knows no demarcations, and right no territorial definitions, and justice no countries nor localities. The United States is in the war for one purpose and that is to wipe from existence the alliance of foul autocracies that have besmirched the garments of civilization and defiled the escutcheon of the age. With such a breadth of motive and such a field of endeavor, the nation will need to employ all the resources it can command, and it is our duty, my Companions, both as citizens of our Republic and as Royal Arch Masons, to render every assistance in our power to our Government in furtherance of its holy purpose. Masons of every rite and degree can do no better work, can achieve no greater benefits, nor accomplish more commendable results for those sublime principles which we inculcate, and upon which our Masonic Order is founded, than by doing our bit, individually and as bodies, to uphold our Government and our nation in this great crisis.

“As individual Masons and patriotic citizens, I believe we will do our duty to our country and to the cause in which it is engaged to the full extent of our means, by personal service or financial assistance. Every Grand Chapter should, in my opinion, invest some of its surplus funds in Liberty Bonds, and there is hardly a Royal Arch Chapter in our broad land so poor that it cannot purchase at least one of these bonds, and thus help the cause, and at the same time show to our Government and to the world that the professions of Royal Arch Masonry of brotherly love, relief and devotion to humanity, are something more than sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.

“ . . . The Grand Chapter of Vermont was first represented in the General Grand Chapter at its third regular meeting, held in Middletown, Connecticut, January 9, 1806. The first minute of that meeting, after noting the representatives present, reads: A communication from Rutland, in the State of Vermont, signed Nicholas Goddard, Grand Secretary, was presented by Companion Ozias Fuller, informing this General Grand Chapter

of the formation of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter in the State of Vermont, and also a certificate of the appointment of the said Ozias Fuller as proxy of the Grand High Priest of the said Grand Chapter.

“At this Convocation Rev. Jonathan Nye, of Newfare, Vermont, was elected General Grand Chaplain, and the General Grand Chapter continued him in office as such until 1832, when he was elected General Grand Secretary. . . . After deliberation he concluded to decline the office of General Grand Secretary. . . . The names of many men of eminence in all the honorable professions have adorned the records of Vermont Masonic bodies, and they have not only shed lustre upon the Masonry of their State, but also upon the Masonry of the world.

“I come to learn rather than to teach. I want to know something of your purposes, your desires and your ambitions. You are members of that great family of which I have the honor at this time to be the head. I want to know you, to greet you and to receive your greetings, and to learn if I can serve you in any way. Our interests are mutual. We are all traveling the same road and seeking the same goal.

“I bring to you, M. E. Companion Roberts and to you, my Companions of Vermont, the hearty fraternal greetings of the General Grand High Priest, and of the nearly half a million Royal Arch Masons, constituents of and that owe allegiance to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, and coupled with our greetings are our sincere good wishes for your future welfare and prosperity, also our congratulations upon what you have accomplished in the one hundred and thirteen years of your existence as a Grand Chapter, in disseminating the great principles and the divine truths which underlie our institution, and make it a mighty power for good and for the uplift of humanity wherever it thrives and flourishes. Therefore, Companions, begin the new century of Convocations of your Grand Body with new resolves and strengthened purposes. Resolve that the sum of human happiness shall be all the greater in the world because each of you have lived in it, also make stronger your purpose for the right; right in yourselves, right in your several communities, right in your country and in the world.

“Let not wars nor other evils discourage you in your quest for that hoped for time when Peace and Brotherhood will prevail throughout the world.

“For out of evil good may come,
And out of darkness light;
And all wrongdoing in this world
Some day will be set right;
And though we have not reached the height
Told in the Poet's dream,
The Brotherhood of Man will yet
Be earth's great law supreme.”

The address of the General Grand High Priest was enthusiastically received.

In his address Grand High Priest M. E. JAMES R. ROBERTS paid a high tribute to the memory of the faithful departed: Companion CHARLES ARBA CALDERWOOD, who died June 25, 1916, a Past Grand Master, a Past Grand High Priest, a Past Grand Commander, and a member of the Supreme Council 33° Scottish Rite. "In civil life he was a representative citizen, and held many offices of honor and distinction." Companion KITTREDGE HASKINS, who died August 7, 1916, also received the highest honors in the gift of the Craft. "And how well he merited them. He loved our fraternity."

Companion EUGENE S. WESTON was appointed on the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to take the place of Companion HASKINS.

The Grand High Priest attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York at Albany, and the March Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island at Providence.

The Grand Secretary's report shows the number of Royal Arch Masons for 1917 to be 4,599; a net gain of 107.

The balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, June 15, 1917, was \$14,315.23.

The Early History of Capitular Masonry in Vermont, and the Men Who Presided Over Its Delibera-

tions is the subject of the historical address covering twelve pages, delivered by Past Grand High Priest GEORGE W. KING. The reviewer deeply regrets that the space allotted him will not permit the free quotation of this most interesting sketch. He heartily recommends it to Masonic scholars and desires to express his thanks and congratulations to the author.

General Grand High Priest GEORGE E. CORSON, assisted by M. E. JAMES R. ROBERTS acting as Marshal, installed the officers:

M. E. GEORGE N. TILDEN, Grand High Priest.

R. E. WILLIAM H. BREWSTER, Deputy Grand High Priest.

R. E. CHARLES A. LANG, Grand King.

R. E. CHRISTIE B. CROWELL, Grand Scribe.

R. E. CHARLES W. WHITCOMB, Grand Treasurer.

R. E. HENRY H. ROSS, Grand Secretary.

E. ALLEN D. BALL, Grand Captain of the Host.

GEORGE N. TILDEN, Grand High Priest.

H. H. ROSS, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

WASHINGTON.

The Thirty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington was held at Bellingham, September 10 and 11, 1917.

M. E. Grand High Priest FRANK G. H. BAKER, assisted by the proper officers, opened the Grand Chapter. Ten Past Grand High Priests and Representatives of all of the subordinate Chapters were present.

M. E. Companion PETER PICKTON, aged eighty-seven years, and Past Grand High Priest of the original State of Dakota, was introduced and welcomed with the Grand Honors and conducted to a seat in the Grand East.

The deaths of Past Grand High Priest ANDREW NILSSON and Companion WILLIAM HENRY ACUFF were announced. At the time of his death Companion ACUFF was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington.

During the year the Grand High Priest has had the pleasure of meeting all but two of his Grand Officers in their respective Chapters. Since the last meeting, one year ago, he has travelled nearly 3,000 miles, and visited every Chapter in the State with the exception of one, which did not hold its meeting at the appointed time.

The comments of the Grand High Priest in reference to his visitations are all of the helpful, constructive type. He further suggests that since they have no Grand Lecturer System, the Grand Officers ought to constitute a Corps of Grand Lecturers, and that this Corps of Grand Lecturers put on one or

more of the Capitular Degrees at each Annual Convocation; that they should visit and supervise the Chapters in their own vicinity, under the direction of the Grand High Priest, and thus help themselves and the Chapters to keep up in the work. This plan, however, was abandoned because of the strenuous objection of one of the members of the Grand Council. Later, however, it was submitted to Grand Chapter and adopted.

The following recommendation of the Grand Secretary was adopted:

“That the annual dues for all Companions belonging to Chapters in this jurisdiction who are serving in the U. S. Army or Navy be remitted, and that the Chapters be requested to do the same with their members so long as the war lasts, and that certificates to this fact be sent to the Companions.”

Past Grand High Priest PETER PICKTON, of Dakota, and now a resident of the city of Tacoma, was elected an Honorary Member of this Grand Chapter.

The sum of \$500 was appropriated for the Red Cross, and a like sum was invested in the second issue of Liberty Bonds.

Treasurer's balance, \$5,582.04.

Membership, 4,766.

Next Annual Convocation will be held in Chehalis.

The Grand Officers for 1918 are:

M. E. Grand High Priest, CHARLES GLASTONBURY SMYTH.

R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, JACOB HENRY MILLER.

R. E. Grand King, EDWIN HUGH VAN PATTEN.

R. E. Grand Scribe, FREDERICK LAW JANECK.

R. E. Grand Treasurer, HORACE WALTER TYLER.

R. E. Grand Secretary, YANCEY CRAWFORD BLALOCK.

CHARLES G. SMYTH, Grand High Priest.

YANCEY C. BLALOCK, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Forty-seventh Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of Parkersburg, November 12 and 13, 1917.

M. E. Grand High Priest Companion W. K. COWDEN, assisted by the Grand Officers and Companions, opened Grand Chapter in *Ample Form*.

The Grand High Priest being informed that the Most Excellent Companion GEORGE E. CORSON, of Washington, D. C., General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, was in waiting; he was received with Grand Honors and escorted to the

East, and immediately thereafter favored the Companions with a most excellent address.

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests and representatives of all of the forty-three subordinate Chapters were present.

The Grand High Priest reported the death of M. E. JOHN WILLIAM MORRIS, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Secretary; M. E. WYNDHAM STOKES, Past Grand High Priest, and R. E. STARK L. BAKER, Grand Scribe of this Grand Chapter.

Two new Chapters have been constituted during the year: Spencer Chapter No. 42, at Spencer, Roan County, and Acacia Chapter No. 43, at Mannington, Marion County.

A semi-annual School of Instruction was held in Charleston on April 17th.

The following decisions were made:

“1. The Grand High Priest of West Virginia has no authority to and cannot request the conferring of degrees of Select and Royal Master by a Grand Body in another jurisdiction with which the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of West Virginia is not in fraternal correspondence.

“2. A Royal Arch Mason holding membership in a Chapter in this State, but holding membership in a Blue Lodge in another State, engages in the sale of liquor in such other State;

“*Held:* That Edict No. 17 of the M. W. Grand Lodge of West Virginia, adopted in 1906, is controlling; that such member is guilty of un-Masonic conduct, and is subject to discipline by his Chapter in West Virginia.

“3. A petitioner for degrees and membership who has been elected, but fails to appear and receive the degrees within one year from the date of his

election, must present his petition anew. A special dispensation by the Grand High Priest, extending his time to so appear is improper, and should not be granted unless in a case of extreme emergency.”

Six hundred dollars have been donated to the George Washington Memorial Association.

The Grand High Priest visited the Grand Chapter of Virginia at its One Hundred and Tenth Annual Grand Communication.

A good portion of the Grand High Priest's address dealt with the Great War, and contains some interesting information about the Holy Land.

In 1916 a Committee was appointed to collect data and make recommendations as to the advisability of separating the Council Degrees of the Royal and Select Master from the other degrees now conferred in the Royal Arch Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Committee reported at this meeting that while they had collected considerable information, they did not deem it sufficient to arrive at definite conclusions, and, therefore suggested that no hasty action be taken. No recommendation was made.

One of the Companions moved that the report be received and the Committee continued. Another made a substitute motion “That we make no change, but retain control of the Council Degrees, and discharge the Committee.” Still another moved to lay the entire matter on the table until the evening ses-

sion, which motion was seconded and carried. At the evening session a constitutional vote was taken on the motion, "That we make no change, but retain control of the Council Degrees, and discharge the Committee," which resulted as follows: 119 for, and 29 against. The Grand High Priest announced that the motion was carried, and that as a result the Council Degrees would be retained and the Committee discharged.

Nine thousand dollars of the surplus funds of the Grand Chapter were tendered to the Grand Lodge of West Virginia to assist in the establishment of a Masonic Home. The money was invested in Liberty Bonds until such a time as it would be needed. A per capita tax of twenty-five cents for each and every member of the subordinate Chapters was levied to further assist in the erection and maintenance of such Masonic Home.

Treasury balance, \$9,886.59.

Membership, 7,437, net increase of 305.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Wheeling on the second Monday of November, 1918.

The following are the officers for 1918:

Comp. L. H. CLARK, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. BENJAMIN A. CARUTHERS, R. E. Grand King.

Comp. THOMAS M. TURNER, R. E. Grand Scribe.

Comp. SAMUEL N. MYERS, P. G. H. P., R. E. Grand Treasurer.

Comp. D. K. REED, P. G. H. P., R. E. Grand Secretary.

L. H. CLARK, Grand High Priest.

D. K. REED, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

WISCONSIN, 1917.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin was opened in *Ample Form* in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the city of Milwaukee, February 20, 1917, ALDRO JENKS, Grand High Priest. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests were present and eighty-nine Chapters were represented. The address of the Grand High Priest deals principally with the European war.

The death of venerable Past Grand High Priest DAVID HUSTED WRIGHT was announced. He was ninety-six years of age, and for over fifty years a constant attendant upon the meetings of the Grand Chapter. He was Grand Treasurer from 1872 until the time of his death. "To him Masonry was the personification of greatness, and to Masonry he was the exemplification of its principles."

M. E. Companion FRANK C. JACKSON was appointed Grand Treasurer, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. E. Companion DAVID H. WRIGHT. Two new Chapters were constituted during 1916, Grand Rapids Chapter No. 89, at Grand Rapids, and Kenwood Chapter No. 90, at Milwaukee.

Dispensations for new Chapters were granted as follows:

February 21, 1916, Burlington Chapter U. D., at Burlington.

December 16, 1916, Wauwatosa Chapter U. D., at Wauwatosa.

January 9, 1917, Crandon Chapter U. D., at Crandon.

On recommendation of the General Committee charters were granted to these Chapters.

The Grand Lecturer made forty-six official visits to Chapters listed for visitation. The attendance at schools of instruction has been good and the interest manifested by the workers has been gratifying.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of which Companion SAMUEL WRIGHT is Chairman, recommend that during the pendency of the controversy between the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Scotland, the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin withdraw and withhold its fraternal intercourse with the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

Grand Treasurer's balance, \$11,612.57.

Membership, 12,526, a net increase of 464 for the year.

The officers elected for the year 1917-1918 are:

JOHN E. LANGDON, Grand High Priest.

MICHAEL BARRY, Deputy Grand High Priest.

E. A. RAYMOND, Grand King.

GEORGE H. KEENAN, Grand Scribe.

FRANK C. JACKSON, Grand Treasurer.

WILLIAM W. PERRY, Grand Secretary.

WALTER A. CLARK, Trustee for three years.

ALDRO JENKS, Grand High Priest.

WILLIAM H. BERRY, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1917.

YEAR	FIRST GRAND CHIEF	SECOND GRAND CHIEF	THIRD GRAND CHIEF	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1795	William Ball	Praise Wadman	John Service	Daniel McKarraher	P. LeBarbier Duplessis
1796	William M. Smith	"	Thomas Town	"	"
1797	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"	"
1798	"	"	"	"	"
1799	"	"	"	"	"
1800	"	"	"	"	"
1801	"	"	"	"	"
1802	"	"	"	"	"
1803	Israel Israel	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"
1804	"	"	"	"	"
1805	"	"	"	"	"
1806	James Milnor	"	Frederick Wolbert	Thomas Amies	"
1807	"	"	John Phillips	"	"
1808	"	"	"	"	Thomas Passmore
1809	"	"	"	"	"
1810	"	"	Frederick Erringer	"	A. H. Cohen
1811	"	"	"	"	Andrew M. Prevost
1812	"	"	"	"	"
1813	"	Frederick Erringer	Walter Kerr	"	"
1814	Richard Tybout	"	B. Jones, Jr.	"	"
1815	Samuel F. Bradford	"	"	"	"
1816	Walter Kerr	"	James McAlpin	"	George E. Blake
1817	"	"	"	"	George A. Baker
1818	Bayse Newcomb	James McAlpin	Lambert Keatting	"	"
1819	"	Lambert Keatting	William McCorkle	"	"
1820	"	William McCorkle	Alphonso C. Ireland	"	"
1821	"	"	Nathan R. Potts	"	"
1822	Josiah Randall	Nathan R. Potts	Henry Horn	Frederick Erringer	"
1823	"	"	"	"	"
1824	Michael Nisbet	Henry Horn	Elhanen W. Keyser	"	Nathan R. Potts

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1825	Michael Nisbet	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Frederick Erringer	Nathan R. Potts
1826	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	"	"
1827	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	"	Samuel H. Thomas
1828	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	"	"
1829	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	Thomas Kittera	Joseph S. Riley	"
1830	"	"	Enos S. Gandy	"	"
1831	"	"	"	"	"
1832	Samuel H. Perkins	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	"	"
1833	"	"	"	"	"
1834	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	"	John M. Read
1835	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	"	Samuel H. Perkins
1836	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	George S. Schott	"	"
1837	"	"	"	"	Samuel M. Stewart
1838	"	"	"	Charles Stout	"
1839	"	"	"	"	"
1840	"	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	"	Bayse Newcomb
1841	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	William Whitney	"	Michael Nisbet
1842	"	William Whitney	William Barger	"	"
1843	William Whitney	William Barger	John G. Russell	"	William H. Adams
1844	"	"	John W. McGrath	John Thomson	"
1845	William Barger	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"
1846	"	"	James Simpson	"	"
1847	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"	"
1848	John J. Krider	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	"	"
1849	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	"	"
1850	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	"	"
1851	"	"	"	"	"
1852	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	Robert Frazer	"	"
1853	"	"	"	"	"
1854	Ant. Bournonville	Harman Baugh	Robert McCulloch	"	"
1855	Harman Baugh	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	"	"
1856	"	"	"	"	"
1857	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1858	Daniel Thompson	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1859	"	"	"	"	"
1860	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"
1861	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Peter Williamson	"
1862	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	"	"
1863	"	"	"	"	"
1864	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	"	"
1865	"	"	"	"	"
1866	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	"	"
1867	"	"	"	"	John Thomson
1868	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	"	"
1869	"	"	"	"	"
1870	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	"	"
1871	"	"	"	"	"
1872	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Thomas Brown	"
1873	"	"	"	"	"
1874	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Robert H. Pattison	George E. Wagner	Thomas R. Patton	"
1875	"	"	"	"	"
1876	George E. Wagner	Alfred R. Potter	Wm. C. Hamilton	"	"
1877	Alfred R. Potter	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	"	"
1878	"	"	"	"	"
1879	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	"	"
1880	"	"	"	"	"
1881	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	"	Charles E. Meyer
1882	"	"	"	"	"
1883	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	"	"
1884	"	"	"	"	"
1885	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	"	"
1886	"	"	"	"	"
1887	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	"	"
1888	"	"	"	"	"
1889	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	"	"
1890	"	"	"	"	"

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1891	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Thomas R. Patton	Charles E. Meyer
1892	"	"	"	"	"
1893	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	"	"
1894	"	"	"	"	Charles Cary
1895	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	"	"
1896	"	"	"	"	"
1897	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	"	"
1898	"	"	"	"	"
1899	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	"	"
1900	"	"	"	"	"
1901	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	"	"
1902	"	"	"	"	"
1903	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	"	"
1904	"	"	"	"	"
1905	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	"	"
1906	"	"	"	"	"
1907	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	"	"
1908	"	"	"	Edward B. Spencer	"
1909	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	"	"
1910	"	"	"	"	"
1911	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	"	"
1912	"	"	"	"	"
1913	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	Samuel Laughlin	"	"
1914	"	"	"	"	"
1915	Porter W. Lowry	Thomas McConnell, Jr.	David J. Davis	"	Stockton Bates
1916	"	"	"	"	"
1917	Thomas McConnell, Jr.	David J. Davis	Joseph E. Quinby	"	George B. Wells

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1917.
ITS CHAPTERS, PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING, AND SECRETARIES.

No.	NAME	CONSTITUTED IN	PLACE OF MEETING	TIME OF MEETING	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SECRETARY
3	Jerusalem	1758	Philadelphia	Third Monday	Charles S. Wood, Philadelphia
21	Perseverance	1827	Harrisburg	First Monday	Charles C. Shriver, Harrisburg
43	.....	1826	Lancaster	Third Thursday	Milton E. Gingrich, Lancaster
52	Harmony	1794	Philadelphia	First Friday	Robert J. Spratt, Philadelphia
91	Columbia	1822	Philadelphia	Third Wednesday	William P. Buzby, Philadelphia
150	Washington	1827	Washington	First Thursday	Wm. Bowland Ritchie, Washington
152	Reading	1827	Reading	Second Monday	Edward W. Roderick, Reading
159	Schuylkill	1838	Minersville	Third Thursday	Robert S. Hoffman, Minersville
161	Union	1845	Towanda	Second Wednesday	John W. Coddington, Towanda
162	Zerubbabel	1836	Pittsburgh	First Tuesday	Samuel R. Caskey, Pittsburgh
163	La Fayette	1848	Lock Haven	Third Thursday	John R. Stevenson, Lock Haven
164	Brownsville	1849	Brownsville	Second Tuesday	William S. Conwell, Brownsville
165	Union	1849	Uniontown	Second Thursday	Luke H. Frasher, Uniontown
166	Mt. Moriah	1849	Hollidaysburg	Third Tuesday	William Brenneman, Hollidaysburg
167	Eureka	1849	Rochester	Second Friday	James W. Doncaster, Rochester
169	Philadelphia	1850	Philadelphia	Second Wednesday	John M. Zook, Philadelphia
170	Delta	1851	New Castle	First Tuesday	Edward L. Smith, New Castle
171	St. John's	1852	Carlisle	First Thursday	Thomas M. Sener, Carlisle
172	Temple	1853	Tunkhannock	Monday on or after full moon ..	Henry M. Lewis, Tunkhannock
173	Easton	1853	Easton	Second Thursday	Edward B. Arndt, Easton
174	Northumberland ..	1853	Sunbury	Third Tuesday	Charles W. Clement, Sunbury
175	Keystone	1853	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	Allen C. Middleton, Philadelphia
176	George Washington	1854	Chambersburg ..	Third Monday	W. R. Appenzellar, Chambersburg
177	Tamaqua	1854	Tamaqua	First Friday	Alex. L. Oliver, Tamaqua
178	Catawissa	1855	Catawissa	Second Wednesday	Luther B. Kline, Catawissa
179	Eureka	1855	Carbondale	Second Wednesday	Horace G. Likely, Carbondale
180	Warren	1854	Montrose	Wednesday after full moon ..	Freeman I. Lott, Montrose
181	Lilly	1855	Mauch Chunk	Third Tuesday	J. Martin Ross, Mauch Chunk

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182	Shekinah	1856	Wilkes-Barre	Third Monday	John G. Torborg, Wilkes-Barre
183	Oriental	1856	Philadelphia	Third Thursday	George J. Schaefer, Philadelphia
185	Lackawanna	1856	Scranton	Second Tuesday	James Francis Wardle, Scranton
186	Lewistown	1856	Lewistown	Third Tuesday	Wm. F. Eckbert, Jr., Lewistown
187	Oriental	1856	Conneautville	Third Friday	Hervey White, Conneautville
189	Mountain	1858	Altoona	First Thursday	Joseph M. Howe, Altoona
190	Norristown	1858	Norristown	Second Monday	William E. Perry, Norristown
191	Solomon	1858	Meadville	Second Tuesday	Samuel M. Patton, Meadville
192	Urania	1859	Greensburg	Thursday after third Tuesday..	Harry N. Yont, Greensburg
193	Duquesne	1859	Pittsburgh	Second Friday	Harry J. Weimar, Pittsburgh
194	Tyoga	1859	Wellsboro	Second Tuesday	Henry E. Raesly, Wellsboro
195	Portage	1859	Johnstown	Third Tuesday	Willis A. G. Lape, Johnstown
196	Mountain City ...	1859	Pottsville	Second Monday	Isaac Sotzin, Pottsville
197	Weidle	1860	Lebanon	Second Tuesday	William Winfred Walter, Lebanon
198	Phoenix	1861	Phoenixville	Saturday after full moon	Edwin H. McAllister, Phoenixville
199	Howell	1864	York	Second Wed. after first Monday	Edward S. Frey, York
200	Columbus	1865	Corry	Second Tuesday	Perrie G. Wood, Corry
201	Standing Stone ..	1865	Huntingdon	Third Monday	William L. Johnston, Huntingdon
202	Howell	1866	West Chester	Second Monday	John A. Baker, Pocopson
203	Allen	1866	Allentown	First Monday	Guy H. Gensemer, Allentown
204	Anthony Wayne ..	1866	Honesdale	Tuesday on or after full moon..	Arthur M. Leine, Honesdale
205	Factoryville	1866	Factoryville	Second Wednesday	Fred M. Francis, Dalton
206	Harmony	1866	Beaver Falls	First Thursday	Harry F. Hawkins, Beaver Falls
207	Aaron	1866	Titusville	Third Friday	Emory J. Badger, Titusville
208	Germantown	1866	Germantown, Phila.	Third Monday	E. R. Stevens, Germantown, Phila.
209	Samuel C. Perkins	1866	Mechanicsburg ...	Second Monday	Samuel E. Basehore, Mechanicsburg
210	Great Bend	1866	Great Bend	Second Thursday	Warren F. Simrell, Hallstead
211	Venango	1866	Franklin	Second Friday	James M. Bridges, Franklin
212	Mound	1866	Greenville	Fourth Monday	Frank D. Long, Greenville
214	Valley	1867	Plymouth	Fourth Friday	Samuel U. Shaffer, Plymouth
215	Temple	1867	Erie	Second Friday	John G. Eberle, Erie
216	Zinzendorf	1867	Bethlehem	Second Tuesday	Milton M. Mitman, Bethlehem

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217	Allegheny	1868	Pittsburgh, N. S.	First Friday	Harvey P. Wylie, Allegheny
218	Bloomsburg	1868	Bloomsburg	First Thursday	George E. Wilbur, Bloomsburg
219	Griscom	1868	Ashland	Third Thursday	James Magrady, Locust Gap
220	Fort Washington..	1868	Fort Washington..	Second Thursday	John K. Earnest, Ambler
221	Tremont	1869	Tremont	Third Thursday	Henry W. Hibshman, Tremont
222	Lycoming	1869	Williamsport	Second Tuesday	Wm. Clarence King, Williamsport
223	Oxford	1869	Oxford	Wednesday after full moon ..	Joseph Leeke, Oxford
224	Corinthian	1869	Columbia	Second Tuesday	Luther J. Schroeder, Columbia
225	Jefferson	1869	Brookville	First Monday	William A. Kelly, Brookville
226	Siloam	1869	Frankford, Phila..	Third Wednesday	Frank W. G. Mitchell, Phila.
227	Emporium	1870	Emporium	Third Tuesday	John D. Logan, Emporium
228	Clearfield	1870	Clearfield	Third Friday	Frank Urey, Clearfield
230	Elk	1870	Ridgway	Third Tuesday	William Patterson, Ridgway
232	St. John	1871	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	William F. Tracy, Philadelphia
233	Kensington	1871	Philadelphia	Fourth Wednesday	Harry H. Brown, Philadelphia
234	Media	1871	Media	Fourth Monday	Ulysses G. Realey, Media
235	Occidental	1871	Warren	Second Monday	Carl A. Wheelock, Warren
236	Oil City	1871	Oil City	First Monday	James A. Long, Oil City
237	Excelsior	1871	Reading	Third Tuesday	William F. Kinch, Reading
238	Newport	1872	Newport	First Monday	Melvin W. Watson, Newport
239	Danville	1872	Danville	First Monday	Bruce A. McCracken, Danville
240	Palestine	1872	Philadelphia	Second Friday	Henry S. Hazlett, Philadelphia
241	Bellefonte	1872	Bellefonte	First Friday	William B. Rankin, Bellefonte
242	Pittston	1873	Pittston	Second Thursday	Louis P. Bierly, Pittston
243	T. B. Freeman ...	1873	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	Charles C. Judd, Philadelphia
244	Norman	1873	Sharon	Second Friday	Edward J. Murchie, Sharon
245	Abington	1873	Jenkintown	Fourth Tuesday	John C. Fithian, Jenkintown
246	Warrior Run ...	1874	Watsonstown	Tuesday after full moon	Fred A. Reen, Watsonstown
247	Orient	1874	Kittanning	Second Monday	William E. McGarvey, Kittanning
248	Temple	1874	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	William H. Ziegler, Philadelphia
249	Monongahela	1874	Monongahela	Third Thursday	Thomas C. Farquhar, Monongahela
250	Corinthian	1874	Philadelphia	First Monday	Samuel Sigler, Philadelphia

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251	Signet	1874	Philadelphia	Fourth Friday	Charles W. Kaiser, Philadelphia
252	Mizpah	1875	Mahanoy City ..	Second Thursday	Edward F. Snyder, Mahanoy City
254	Arnold	1877	Port Allegany ..	Second Tuesday	George E. Lauer, Port Allegany
255	Bedford	1876	Bedford	Third Thursday	Daniel W. Beam, Bedford
256	University	1877	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	J. Milton Lutz, Llanerch
257	Shiloh	1877	Pittsburgh	Third Monday	George W. Robitzer, Wilkinsburg
258	Chester	1877	Chester	Second Tuesday	Wesley R. Morgan, Chester
259	Eden	1878	Clarion	Second Tuesday	Samuel F. Brush, Clarion
260	Bradford	1880	Bradford	Third Thursday	Frank C. Whitling, Bradford
261	Troy	1882	Troy	Thurs. on or before full moon..	Chas. N. Greene, Troy, Bradford Co.
262	Montgomery	1882	Ardmore	Third Thursday	Joseph C. Egbert, Wayne
263	Coudersport	1882	Coudersport	First Wednesday	Mackey L. White, Coudersport
264	Shamokin	1883	Shamokin	Second Wednesday	Frank B. Fisler, Shamokin
265	Westfield	1883	Westfield	First Friday	George W. Sutton, Westfield
266	Good Samaritan ..	1886	Gettysburg	Third Thursday	Winfield S. Schroder, Gettysburg
267	Coatesville	1887	Coatesville	Third Thursday	William H. Brown, Coatesville
268	Pittsburgh	1888	Pittsburgh	Second Monday	Archie K. Henderson, Pittsburgh
269	Ulysses	1888	Ulysses	Second Wednesday	Claude E. Burt, Ulysses
270	Doylestown	1889	Doylestown	Second Tuesday	Fred'k Constantine, Doylestown
271	Pottstown	1890	Pottstown	Third Tuesday	Timothy Shive, Pottstown
272	Hebron	1890	Meyersdale	Second Monday	Martin A. Rutter, Meyersdale
273	Butler	1891	Butler	Third Tuesday	William H. Miller, Butler
274	Bangor	1891	Bangor	Third Wednesday	Robert S. Wagner, Bangor
275	Kennett	1892	Kennett Square ..	First Tuesday	James F. Mackereth, Mendenhall
276	The Susquehanna..	1892	Susquehanna	Second Friday	George W. Gleason, Susquehanna
277	Hazleton	1893	Hazleton	Third Monday	Ambrose W. Mason, Hazleton
278	Catasauqua	1894	Catasauqua	Second Monday	Ralph C. Boyer, Catasauqua
279	Kane	1895	Kane	Third Wednesday	Frederick Kime, Kane
280	Cyrus	1898	Carnegie	Third Thursday	Jesse I. Penney, Ingram
281	Monroe	1898	Stroudsburg	Second Friday	Benjamin F. Morey, Stroudsburg
282	McKeesport	1899	McKeesport	Second Thursday	Scott M. Stewart, McKeesport
283	Connellsville	1900	Connellsville	Third Tuesday	Sam'l G. Zimmerman, Connellsville

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284	Melita	1903	Philadelphia	Second Monday	Samuel Shaw, Philadelphia
285	Wilkinsburg	1904	Wilkinsburg	Second Friday	Albert W. Nicholson, Wilkinsburg
286	Bellevue	1904	Bellevue	Second Friday	Richard C. Rankin, Bellevue
287	Nanticoke	1908	Nanticoke	First Monday	Alfred E. Chapin, Nanticoke
288	Mizpeh	1908	Pittsburgh, N. S..	Second Tuesday	George R. Elwell, Pittsburgh, N. S.
289	Valley	1908	Wilmerding	Second Friday	John T. Small, Wilmerding
290	Monessen	1908	Monessen	Second Tuesday	James B. White, Monessen
291	Ezra	1909	South Bethlehem..	First Friday	Frank P. Martenis, S. Bethlehem
292	Slatington	1909	Slatington	Third Monday	Elmer L. Engle, Slatington
293	Amity	1910	Athens	Second Friday	George D. Bonfoey, Sayre
294	Darius	1911	McDonald	Third Tuesday	Benjamin Frankle, McDonald
295	Siegfried	1913	Siegfried	Third Tuesday	George P. Sten, Northampton
296	Zebulun	1913	Blossburg	Second Wednesday	James Roy Bonney, Blossburg
297	Homewood	1913	Pittsburgh	Second Thursday	William C. Beckett, Pittsburgh
298	Milton	1914	Milton	Second Friday	Charles W. Mack, Bloomsburg
299	Bellefeld	1915	Pittsburgh	Third Tuesday	Charles L. Hannan, Pittsburgh
300	Coraopolis	1915	Coraopolis	Third Monday	Howard C. Chambers, Coraopolis
301	Lansdale	1915	Lansdale	Third Monday	Leroy K. Tyson, Lansdale
302	Jordan	1916	Allentown	First Tuesday	Preston J. Everett, Allentown
303	Braddock's Field..	1917	Braddock	First Monday	John F. Gilmore, Braddock
304	Yorktown	1917	York	Second Thursday after 1st Mon.	William H. Eisenhart, York

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214	Girard	1847	Philadelphia	Second Tuesday	Harry E. Rulon, Philadelphia
216	Excelsior	1854	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	Peter H. Brower, Philadelphia

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No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
3	Jerusalem	51	1	11	2	7	735
21	Perseverance	48	3	5		1	394
43		13	1	8		4	367
52	Harmony	37	9	25	9		1,229
91	Columbia	43		16	4	13	800
150	Washington	22		6	2	7	318
152	Reading	4	4	6	1	19	223
159	Schuylkill			2		5	45
161	Union	12		1	1		203
162	Zerubbabel	27	15	21		31	1,146
163	La Fayette	8	3	3	1	2	183
164	Brownsville	18		2		9	186
165	Union	2	1	2		5	234
166	Mont Moriah	3			1	2	123
167	Eureka	25		2			219
169	Philadelphia	5	1	6	1	9	232
170	Delta	19	1	3	1		401
171	St. John's	5	2	1	1		146
172	Temple	8		3			124
173	Easton	18	1	3	1	3	366
174	Northumberland	7					174
175	Keystone	37	5	15		6	701
176	George Washington	3		2	1	10	151
177	Tamaqua	5					92
178	Catawissa	1		1		1	57
179	Eureka	9		3	2	5	190
180	Warren	1	1	3			47
181	Lilly	2		3			146
182	Shekinah	12	2	5	2	11	435
183	Oriental	72	3	43	5	26	1,304
185	Lackawanna	22		11		8	501
186	Lewistown	8		2	1		130
187	Oriental	12		1			110
189	Mountain	28	2	6		1	427

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190	Norristown	22		9	1	2	453
191	Solomon	8	3	1	1		149
192	Urania	28		6	1	2	408
193	Duquesne	25	7	25	5	3	976
194	Tioga	3	1	1			60
195	Portage	35		3			344
196	Mountain City	1		3		1	173
197	Weidle	7		9			204
198	Phœnix	5	4				269
199	Howell	14	10	2	26	7	264
200	Columbus	2		1	1	5	105
201	Standing Stone	8		1		3	113
202	Howell	3		4		5	189
203	Allen	38	1	9	2		417
204	Anthony Wayne	11	1		1	1	132
205	Factoryville	2	3		1		60
206	Harmony	16			2		239
207	Aaron	5		2	1	5	68
208	Germantown	40		6	1	4	381
209	Samuel C. Perkins	1		1		1	68
210	Great Bend			2			29
211	Venango	21	7	2	2	7	243
212	Mound	11		2			232
214	Valley			1	2		73
215	Temple	23	2	4	2	2	488
216	Zinzendorf	8				5	138
217	Allegheny	27	1	20	2	4	828
218	Bloomsburg	6	1	1			97
219	Griscom	8		1			132
220	Fort Washington	8					72
221	Tremont			1	1		77
222	Lycoming	30	1	6	2		531
223	Oxford	4		1			114
224	Corinthian	6		6			137
225	Jefferson	4		4	4	1	286
226	Siloam	33	3	3	2	2	374
227	Emporium	4					93
228	Clearfield	6	3	3	1	1	237
230	Elk	20	3	4	1	5	180
232	St. John	26		8	2	2	279
233	Kensington	41		28	3	20	535
234	Media	9		4	1		171

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235	Occidental	9	1	6			196
236	Oil City	8		9	2		250
237	Excelsior	5	1	8	1	7	465
238	Newport	12		1			85
239	Danville	5	2	3			84
240	Palestine	41	1	13	7	7	665
241	Bellefonte	2		8			92
242	Pittston	9		1		7	189
243	T. B. Freeman	42	2	29	2	6	840
244	Norman	33	2	3	1	3	275
245	Abington	4		1			155
246	Warrior Run	6		4		2	128
247	Orient	3		2	1		244
248	Temple	20	1	1	3	10	325
249	Monongahela	10	1	3	1	3	270
250	Corinthian	13	2	10		5	347
251	Signet	22		3	3	1	267
252	Mizpah	9		2			103
254	Arnold	2		1			44
255	Bedford	1		3			96
256	University	232	16	17	10		1,156
257	Shiloh	26	3	12	3		616
258	Chester	27		6	1		422
259	Eden	13		3			189
260	Bradford	19		8		5	259
261	Troy	3		4			87
262	Montgomery	11	2	3	4	3	248
263	Coudersport			2		1	81
264	Shamokin	6	1	4	1	2	165
265	Westfield	8		1	2		46
266	Good Samaritan	9		1			147
267	Coatesville	12	1	7			218
268	Pittsburgh	28		8	1	3	601
269	Ulysses		2	1			55
270	Doylestown	10		1	1		149
271	Pottstown	6	2	2	1		228
272	Hebron	5		2	1	3	108
273	Butler	19		3			290
274	Bangor	2		2	2		108
275	Kennett	3		1			92
276	Susquehanna	8		3		5	69
277	Hazleton	14		2			196

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278	Catasauqua	9		2			121
279	Kane	6		2		1	94
280	Cyrus	36	3	3	3		430
281	Monroe	7		2			130
282	McKeesport	19	1	4	1	3	668
283	Connelsville	14		5		4	176
284	Melita	17	3	4	8		760
285	Wilkinsburg	20	2	1	6	5	374
286	Bellevue	11	5	4	1	3	330
287	Nanticoke	1					301
288	Mizpeh	12	1	1		3	244
289	Valley	12		2	1	6	188
290	Monessen	27		2	1	1	230
291	Ezra	9		5			126
292	Slatington	6		3			77
293	Amity	5		2			114
294	Darius	9		3			110
295	Siegfried	5					106
296	Zebulun	7					43
297	Homewood	20		3	1	1	182
298	Milton	10					106
299	Bellefield	28	2	2	1		170
300	Coraopolis	10		2	1		80
301	Lansdale	5	1	1			74
302	Jordan	18	3	1			137
303	Braddock's Field	27	41				68
304	Yorktown	51	30	2			79
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